



**Community
Boards**

High Wycombe Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 9 February 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Via MS Teams

BC Councillors:

A Hussain (Chairman), A Alam, M Angell, M Ayub, S Barrett, K Bates, A Baughan, L Clarke OBE, T Green, S Guy, D Hayday, O Hayday, I Hussain, M Hussain JP, M Hussain, M Hussain, M Knight, S Raja, N Rana, M Smith, N Thomas, P Turner, J Wassell and K Wood

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4	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest		
5	PETITION - AIR QUALITY HIGH WYCOMBE (15 Mins)		9 - 12
6	HEALTH & WELLBEING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health & Wellbeing Action Group - Cllr Julia Wassell and Cllr Andrea Baughan – (10 mins) ○ Health & Wellbeing related projects funded by High Wycombe Community Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signposting project – Jeanne Steward and Lisa Kelly, Youth Enquiry Service – (10 mins) ▪ Aspire Youth Offending project – Charlie Dixon, Transitions UK (10 mins) ▪ Suicide Prevention Awareness - Samaritans (10 mins) ○ Public Health profile and local health projects – To receive an update on the profile recommendations, the Cardio-Vascular Disease prevention project and Covid-19 from Louise Hurst, Buckinghamshire Council Public Health Consultant (20 mins) 		13 - 50

7	SERVICE DIRECTOR UPDATE Update on Council wide matters of interest (Nick Graham) – 10 mins		51 - 54
8	COMMUNITY MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For attendees to ask any questions submitted in advance or to receive questions from those in attendance (10 mins) 		
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High Wycombe Community Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the High Wycombe Community Board held on Wednesday 27 October 2021 Via SM Teams commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.20 pm

Members present

A Hussain, A Alam, M Ayub, K Bates, L Clarke OBE, T Green, O Hayday, I Hussain, M Hussain, M Hussain, M Knight, S Raja, N Rana, M Smith, N Thomas and J Wassell

Others in attendance

Louise Hurst Tracy Evans, Mimi Harker, Gemma Brooks, Michael Allington, Gill Harding, Nick Braisby, Elliot Hooson, Louise Lord, Mike Dean, Colin Hingston, Hilda Stearn Chris Woodman, Joanne Montague.

Officers Present:

Fay Ewing, Simon Garwood, Nick Graham, Andy Sherwood, Iram Malik.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: Baughan, D Hayday and Wood and Sophie Philips (Red Kite) and Tahir Aziz (Family Support Service).

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the High Wycombe Community Board held on 14 July be confirmed as a true record

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

4 PINE TREES PETITION (15 MINUTES)

The Chairman gave a brief explanation with regards to the background of the petition which had originally been submitted for consideration by the Board and had then been referred to the High Wycombe Town Committee for its input. Subsequently this had been brought back to the Board for final determination.

Members were requested to consider whether to approve the officer response in relation to the petition which was to confirm that the children's play area in open spaces 7a and 7b at the Pine Trees be maintained by and remain with the developer's management company which would maintain other elements of the site. In the event that Members rejected this recommendation the petition would be referred to the Cabinet Member (Culture & Leisure) for further consideration/decision whilst taking into account the Board's and the Town Committee's comments on the matter. The report before Members also stated that officers had met with and undertaken further discussions with Taylor Wimpey as instructed by Members and confirmed that the developer would not provide a commuted sum.

Steve Gill representing the Residents Association provided an update on the activity that had taken place in the interim. He informed the meeting that in collaboration with Steve Baker a parliamentary petition had been sent to government and that he hoped to wait for the outcome of this prior to taking any further action.

It was proposed that any decision by the Board should be withheld whilst the outcome of the parliamentary petition was awaited, the result of which could impact other/ future developments. This proposal was seconded and it was therefore

RESOLVED: That the decision on the petition to be taken by the Board be delayed until the outcome of the parliamentary petition is known.

5 RECOVERY & REGENERATION ACTION GROUP (40 MINUTES)

Recovery & Regeneration Action Group – Cllr Knight

Feedback was provided on the work that had been undertaken to date. There were over 50 people assisting with this group and the focus was very much on promoting partnership and collaboration. The aims of the Group were highlighted which included how to best assist residents and businesses to recover from the pandemic and assist with town centre regeneration.

Town Centre Regeneration – Chirs Woodman/Mike Dean

A presentation was conducted with regards to town centre regeneration in particular with an emphasis on how to improve the street scene within High Wycombe. It was highlighted that the increased level in anti-social behaviour had prevented progress on some fronts.

Financial / Food Insecurity – Gill Harding

This was also reported upon, and members received an in depth presentation on how this was being addressed. It was stressed that relevant agencies were working hard to ensure that those most in need and silent whilst suffering from food poverty, were identified and helped.

6 CHILTERN RAILWAY UPDATE (10 MINUTES)

This item was withdrawn

7 COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE (5 MINUTES)

A report was submitted which provided a summary of the funding applications received,

considered and approved since the last meeting of the Board held on 14 July. The table laid out at page 19 of the report showed the current budget position for the projects within the Board's remit. The total Board fund for 2021/22 was £628,086.89 and £286,387.32 had been allocated to date. This left the remaining budget as of 27 October at £341,699.57

The Co-ordinator took the opportunity to thank all the groups and organisations that had made contact and approached the Council for funding and helped in working through the applications, which played a key role in allocating the funding wisely. The meeting was also informed that the deadline for applications was February 2022 which would provide sufficient time for processing of applications prior to the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted

8 COMMUNITY MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

Public Health Profile

Louise Hurst from the Public Health Team reported that it had been decided that in the current year it team wished to allocate some additional resource to work with the Community boards that had the greatest health needs. As such the recommendations had been formulated with 3 areas of focus. These were

- (a) Preventing diabetes/heart disease/stroke
- (b) Improvement in mental health
- (c) Provision of support to children in the area of making healthy lifestyle choices

It was also requested that people be encouraged to receive their booster vaccines along with vaccines for 12-15 year olds.

Intensive Engagement Project

Michael Eddington from TVP also conducted a short presentation on the intensive engagement project with the residents of Castlefield in which they had collaborated with over 1000 residents to establish the main causes of concern. Over 80% had identified that tackling speeding was the priority issue needing to be addressed. Parking matters, littering and fly tipping were also major causes of concern.

The meeting was informed that the matters raised could not be resolved through visible policing alone but required enforcement and participation of local members of the community. It was reported that following a productive meeting recently held, a working group had been formed in order to look at the problem in more detail at each of the 4 areas.

This would be reported upon further at the Board in due course

Bucks Adult Safeguarding Campaign

Nick Graham gave mention to the campaign to raise awareness of all types of adult abuse. Members were informed that there had been over 12000 reports of suspected abuse in 2021 alone, and that this was a serious cause of concern for the council with regards to the impact on vulnerable people and ways in which the issues should be addressed. Details were provided within the meeting chat as to how to go about reporting any such issues that may occur.

9 PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Information was provided on the meeting chat regarding the live public consultations, which included the budget consultation and a consultation regarding children and young people's mental health services. The presenting officer stated that the consultations provided an opportunity for residents to have their say and to be able to express an opinion on what they considered to be priority areas and how the funding should be spent.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed



Report to High Wycombe Community Board

Date: 9th February 2022

Title: Petition Report: High Wycombe Air Quality

Author and/or contact officer: Carl Griffin / Cerys Williams

Ward(s) affected: All

Recommendations: That the Community Board considers the petition, notes this report, and determines whether it wishes to suggest amendments to the council's monitoring programme.

It is also suggested that the council works with Defra on inputting into the review of air quality targets which are then expected later in the year, where this petition can also be highlighted.

1 Summary:

The Council has received a petition entitled "Air Quality in High Wycombe". The petition calls for:

- The comprehensive monitoring of all air pollution across High Wycombe particularly in areas around schools and where there is short term exposure to high levels
- The taking of effective actions that will bring all of our town within the safer WHO 2021 levels for air pollution by 2030, following interim targets to achieve this.

This report therefore provides background information on how the council assesses and monitors air quality in line with the governments air quality framework and associated technical guidance.

The council fully supports the goal of reducing air pollution and has a comprehensive network of monitoring and complies with the requirements of government under the local air quality management regime. In addition to the action plans in place, the council has also recently launched a comprehensive climate change and air quality strategy covering the whole county.

2 Background:

In the UK, concentrations of key pollutants in outdoor air are regulated by the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010. These Regulations set: Legally binding limits for concentrations

in outdoor air of major air pollutants that impact public health: sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter (as PM10 and PM2.5), lead, benzene, carbon monoxide and ozone.

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has responsibility for meeting the limit values in England and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) co-ordinates assessment and air quality plans for the UK as a whole.

The Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process also places an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved

3 The comprehensive monitoring of all air pollution across High Wycombe particularly in areas around schools and where there is short term exposure to high levels

Buckinghamshire Council (and its legacy councils) have been providing a comprehensive programme of monitoring and assessment across the county for over 20 years. This has also included targeted monitoring in areas that have been modelled to exceed national air quality objectives.

In line with guidance, what initially started as complete monitoring of all prescribed pollutants has been streamlined as certain pollutants such as sulphur dioxide and lead were screened out following many years of being significantly below national air quality limits.

Monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide using both passive diffusion tubes and chemiluminescent monitors, at 57 sites, is undertaken in the Wycombe area. The council monitors to ascertain compliance with the current National Air Quality Objectives. They are;

NO₂: 40 µg/m³ annual mean

NO₂: 200 µg/m³ (one-hour mean) not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year

PM₁₀: 40 µg/m³ annual mean

PM₁₀: 50 µg/m³ (24-hour mean) not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year

PM_{2.5}: Work towards reducing emissions/concentrations of fine particulate matter

Monitoring locations are chosen based on the parameters in the LAQM Technical Guidance. As road traffic is the main source of pollutants factors that have been considered when identifying locations are as follows:

- Annual Average Daily Flow of Traffic
- Proximity of sensitive receptors such as schools and residential units to busy roads.
- Places where people spend an hour or more such as shopping streets and outdoor seating for cafes/restaurants

The location of monitoring sites is reviewed on an annual basis. Sites that are found to be significantly below national air quality objectives are often removed and are replaced by sites that are in areas that are expected to be close to those same objectives.

Air Quality modelling was also conducted in 2017 in order to determine where emission levels were exceeding national air quality objectives. This modelling was used to determine the extent of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) that were adopted in Wycombe, Marlow and along the M40 in late 2017.

The only school site that was found to be in an area that exceeded national air quality objectives is the accommodation block of Wycombe Abbey School that are positioned alongside Marlow Hill.

Monitoring data collected by the real-time chemiluminescent continuous monitors can be found through the following link https://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/local-authority/?la_id=513

The continuous monitors are located in Wycombe Abbey School (alongside Marlow Hill) and in Stokenchurch (alongside the M40).

The most recent 2021 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR), which includes monitoring locations and results from both the continuous monitor and passive diffusion tubes, can be found through the following link: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/air-and-water-quality/air-quality-status-report-2021/>

4 The taking of effective actions that will bring all of our town within the safer WHO 2021 levels for air pollution by 2030, following interim targets to achieve this.

The LAQM review and assessment process obliges Local Authorities who have identified areas that breach the Air Quality Objectives to put plans in place to reduce pollutant concentrations to below those objective as quickly as possible. Wycombe's Air Quality Action plan was published in 2018 and can be found at:

<https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/pages/Environment/Air-pollution/Air-quality-management.aspx>

The council has made significant progress with the actions contained in the air quality plan. For example:

- Working closely with Planning colleagues to produce the Wycombe Air Quality Supplementary Planning document which, amongst other things, requires electric vehicle charging points for all new dwellings and non-residential premises, as well as air quality assessments and air quality damage cost contributions for all major developments.
- No unattended roadworks or refuse collections are permitted in any air quality management areas (AQMA) during peak traffic hours.
- The use of generators within the AQMAs or the town centre are no longer permitted.
- Collaboration with Transport for Bucks to introduce smart traffic management along the A40.
- Public transport has been made more attractive by the introduction of card payment facilities and joint ticketing schemes (where tickets can be used across multiple operators).
- All schools have been encouraged to adopt green travel plans.

In November 2021 the UK Government enacted the Environment Act 2021 which will, among other things, enable the following: It introduces a duty on the government to bring forward at least two air quality targets by October 2022 for consultation that will be set in secondary legislation.

The first will aim to reduce the annual average level of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in ambient air. The second will be a long-term target (set a minimum of 15 years in the future), which the government says “will encourage long-term investment and provide certainty for businesses and other stakeholders”.

The new legislation amends the Environment Act 1995 to “strengthen the local air quality management (LAQM) framework to enable greater cooperation at local level and broaden the range of organisations that play a role in improving local air quality”, says Defra. “Responsibility for tackling local air pollution will now be shared with designated relevant public authorities, all tiers of local government and neighbouring authorities.” The environment secretary will be required to review the Air Quality Strategy at least every five years, and to publish an annual progress report to parliament.

Although there was a reluctance to include the new WHO guidelines in the Environment Act 2021, the new targets may be lower than the current limits and, as a consequence of lobbying from several groups, there is a possibility that the WHO guidelines or similar may be adopted as a long term target.

The magnitude of the task to achieve the WHO guideline of 10 µg/m³ annual mean for Nitrogen Dioxide was demonstrated by the recent Covid -19 pandemic lockdowns of 2020 and 2021. The effect of reduced car journeys and business activity had an approximately 30% reduction in monitored pollutant levels nationally.

It is therefore important that the national framework is amended in order to facilitate the delivery of further local actions.

5 Next steps:

It is recommended that the High Wycombe Community Board note this report, the existing statutory regime in place to review and assess air quality, the action plan and the current network of monitoring undertaken.

It is also important to note that the council recognises and welcomes the interest from residents and businesses as everyone has a part to play in tackling air pollution.

As a result of the petition, it is also recommended that the council work with Defra on inputting into the review of air quality targets which are then expected later in the year, where this petition can also be highlighted.



Community Board High Wycombe

Action Group: Health & Wellbeing

Meeting date: 12 August 2021

ACTION NOTES

Present: Julia Wassell, Karen Bates, Fay Ewing, David Jones, Arif Hussain, Damon Venning, Arman Alam, Paul Turner, Melanie Smith, Emily Davis, Monica Bergh, Jacqueline Roberts, Amber Preen, Rebecca Nutley

Apologies:

No	Topic	Lead
1	Funding applications discussed at Mental Health and Community and Community Cohesion sub-groups which have been agreed to date – See attached Priorities meeting notes	Fay Ewing
2	<p>Outstanding priorities from Mental Health and Community and Community Cohesion sub-groups</p> <p><i>Timetable for action</i> - It was decided at the last meeting that there would be high profile, action-based health & wellbeing work by this action group led up by Arif and backed up by Julia with local activists and Buckinghamshire Councillors.</p> <p>The first event will be World Suicide Awareness Day on Friday 10th September in conjunction with BNU and will be on the High Street as BNU not properly opened up by that point. Event is from 10am – 1pm and will be backed up by the Samaritans. Arif and Karen volunteered to go along to support the event.</p>	Julia Wassell

South Bucks Hospice Butterfly House Hospice – planning launch to raise awareness that their support is not just end of life care but starts from the day of diagnosis. Julia to link David Haggard at South Bucks Hospice with Fay.

Young Minds Mental Health Day, Friday 9 October. Working with Bucks University, CAMS and YES. This event will be held on the forecourt of the University. Volunteers to help on the day will be welcome. Contact Julia Julia.Wassell@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or Fay HWCB@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

World Mental Health Day, Saturday 10th October. Again, this event will be in the High Street. Volunteers to help on the day will be welcome. Contact Julia Julia.Wassell@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or Fay HWCB@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning 24th September – Julia has organized coffee morning events with business and charities along Easton Street from 10am – 2pm. Arif /Lesley open event.

Action: all to organise coffee morning if possible or promote with community groups

ESOL Classes: Annie to report in 3/4 weeks.

The Art Trail: Annie to report in 3/4 weeks.

Feedback from young people about potential priorities – consulting Benson from the Fitness Garden and Monica Bergh from Family Support Service.

Black History Month: Jacque Roberts is going to take this forward in October. SV2G have been confirming a lot of activities for Black History Month. SV2G have been given 2-year funding from People's Health Trust and will update next time.

Action: Jacque catch up with Fay and provide update at next meeting

Festival of Mental Health and Wellbeing: This will be held during November instead of October due to a key partner raising funds for Haiti. Event is delivered with a coalition of diversity groups. The Town Hall is a possible location for the event. Option to include NHS Health Checks were on the day.

2	<p>New Identified Priorities for 2021/22</p> <p>The impact of long Covid; how can we support, with the help from NHS and support services, people at home with Covid-19 and those self-isolating. One idea was targeting certain areas of Wycombe with leaflets from the Community Board identifying where people could go to for help. Also, by using social media and local radio stations.</p> <p>Action: Fay to speak to Public Health regarding setting up another Covid briefing for early September and information about Long Covid support.</p> <p>First aid training; Could this be more readily available. Arif is taking this forward.</p> <p>Terminally ill residents and their carers.</p>	Julia Wassell
3	<p>Funding Applications Update</p> <p>Fay circulated the funding application from Buckinghamshire Libraries to the rest of the group</p>	Fay Ewing
4	<p>Funding Application from Buckinghamshire Libraries</p> <p>Please refer to the funding application which was circulated ahead of the meeting for comprehensive information about the funding application.</p> <p>The project is in partnership with Action for Youth. It will be a drop in (essentially a youth club) on the second floor of the library and will be available to any young person and staffed by A4Y between 4-9pm, seven days a week. It will have all the facilities that you would expect from a youth club, but the synergies in terms of the library service are that they already have a strong digital offer, so can promote the digital access that they have in terms of bibliotherapy, reading well, books that help wellbeing and mindfulness and the whole range of collections targeted specifically at young people.</p> <p>Together with A4Y they can create a drop in space and using the existing rooms in the library, can have a whole menu of programs and activities delivered by A4Y and by their partners and other providers in the High Wycombe area.</p> <p>Buckinghamshire Libraries are asking for funding of £20,000 for the project. Total cost is £40,000. £20,000 match funding has been</p>	David Jones/ Emily Davis

	<p>identified already. Potential to expand in the future into other libraries.</p> <p>Questions were asked and discussion took place about the Community Board allocating funding to a Council service. Library Service doesn't have the budget to fund this project. Capital funding would be required and falls below the threshold to be viable and considered by the council for capital scheme funding.</p> <p>The group unanimously supported the application but highlighted that this was a one off and the Community Board would not be setting a precedent by funding another Council project.</p>	
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>A timetable will be forwarded to the group shortly. Julia encouraged the group to go out and stimulate local organisations to come to the Action Group with what they think their needs are.</p>	
6	<p>Date of Next Meeting Thursday 30th September – 6.30pm</p>	



Community Board High Wycombe

Action Group: Health & Wellbeing

Meeting date: 30 September 2021

ACTION NOTES

(high level notes for the purpose of tracking/monitoring activity)

Present: Fay Ewing, Julia Wassell, Jacqui Roberts, Louise Hurst, Paul Turner, Monica Bergh, Arif Hussain, Shanti Priyalatha, Arman Alam, Charmaine Fyffe, Melanie Smith, Amber Preen, Nabeela Rana, Teresa Meredith, Mazamal Hussain

Apologies: Andrea Baughan, Lesley Clarke, Karen Bates, Sophie Phillips

No	Topic	Lead
1	<p>Actions and updates from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Suicide Prevention Day and World's Biggest Coffee morning <p>We had a successful stall in the High Street. A lot of information was handed out together with Samaritan cards.</p> <p>Mega MacMillan Coffee Morning: This was held on the 24 September and raised £305.01.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health awareness days in October <p>Young Minds Event with the Bucks Student Union on 8 October- 10am – 1pm. Leaflets to hand out aimed at the 18-25 yr olds on managing stresses of student life.</p> <p>We will have a stall in the High Street for World Mental Health Day on 9 October.</p> <p>October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.</p>	Julia Wassell/ Andrea Baughan/ Jacqui

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month Lots of activities and events across Buckinghamshire. Bucks Museum are running a webinar for their Black History Month 'looking back, look at walking forward' a virtual event on the 16 October. There will also be an exhibition in the museum. <p>There is an 'In my shoe' project, where it's open to share photos of a special shoe and a story with black history that's connected with it, take a photo and upload it to the Discover Bucks website.</p> <p>Bucks Archives have a black history research group that's looking at black history in Bucks.</p> <p>Action: Jacqui to contact the group with dates, details and invites</p>	
2	<p>Health inequalities – CVD, Diabetes and Stroke Louise shared a presentation with the group introducing the cardiovascular disease prevention and inequalities programme.</p> <p>The programme is being co-led by public health and by clinical commissioning colleagues. They can work with the communities and have some community based interventions and programmes working with our community groups.</p> <p>Maz highlighted that in the Asian community there are a lot of issues with strokes and diabetes and this is down to the food they eat and is there any way we can go out into the community and educate what food should be eaten. He is happy to run a workshop or have a stall in the high street to highlight this.</p> <p>Louise thanked Maz for the feedback, as they have the data but what they don't have is the insight of the real life of the communities they represent. This is something they want to focus on with the Communities Workshop.</p> <p>Jacqui highlighted the work that is being carried out by SV2G around cardiovascular disease. She suggested that they link up and Louise attends one of the focus groups.</p> <p>Theresa Meredith from Bucks Adult Learning explained they had got a big pot of money that can be used to support residents of Bucks to develop their health and wellbeing needs. If there was a need for cookery classes they would have that money to support.</p>	Louise Hurst Public Health

	<p>Charmaine from Khepera is running a cookery course as a pilot which will focus on BAME health. This will be running end of October/beginning of November when the kitchen opens. Charmaine indicated that it would be good to connect with Nabeela, Maz, Jacqui and Louise to discuss how they can all work together to get some results and expand the project.</p> <p>Action: Jacqui and Charmaine to email Louise Louise.hurst@buckinghamshire.gov.uk with details of the projects they are running</p> <p>Action: Fay to meet with Louise and link up with other organisations working on food related projects</p>	
3	<p>Funding applications</p> <p>Wycombe Refugee Partnership: The funding application is for £20,000, £5000 for sports events for boys, girls and mixed and £15,000 for supermarket vouchers.</p> <p>South Bucks Hospice: They want to raise awareness of the services that the hospice movement have to offer. Fay and Julia will be working with them to submit the bid.</p> <p>Wycombe Mind, Free Space Service: Support with hoarding and decluttering. The application is for £15,000 to assist 30 social services clients.</p> <p>Bucks Mind, Youth Mental First Aider project: This is a cross board project to provide help mental first aid training to school staff to enable them to support the mental wellbeing of young people. There are 13 schools in the Wycombe board area who are interested, and this would cost the community board £6,000.</p> <p>Wycombe Homeless Connection: Discussions have been had with Fay, Arif and Lesley. How the community board can support them with funding is being looked at. Action: Fay and Melanie to lead on this</p>	
4	<p>Any other business, topics for future discussion</p> <p>On the run up to Domestic Violence Awareness month, Mama Bee have conducted a short piece of research around the accessibility to the Freedom programme in High Wycombe, which isn't great. They</p>	All

	<p>have identified a practitioner who is qualified to run the Programme and would like to start to run it from their town centre venue, Open Door and would like to submit an application for £7,500 to run the programme for a year.</p> <p>The group were in support of the programme and application. Action: Amber to submit an application for funding</p>	
5	<p>Date of next meeting 21 October 2021: 1830</p>	



Community Board High Wycombe

Action Group: Health and Wellbeing

Meeting date: 21 October 2021

ACTION NOTES

(high level notes for the purpose of tracking/monitoring activity)

Present: Julia Wassell, Andrea Baughan, Fay Ewing, Monica Bergh, Nicola Page, Louise Hunt, Arman Alam, Melanie Smith, Karen Bates, Colin Hingston, Charmaine Fyffe, Paul Turner, Arif Hussain, Mazamal Hussain, Mark Stokes, James Boulton, Amber Preen, Jenny Stokes, Shanthi Priyalatha

Apologies: Sophie Phillips, Teresa Meredith, Lesley Clarke

No	Topic	Lead
1	<p>Action and updates from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health awareness days in October <p>The Young Minds and Mental Health Day stalls on 8/9th October, were very successful, with over 100 enquiries.</p>	Julia Wassell
2	<p>Student Wellbeing Week</p> <p>Student Week at the University on 1-5 November. The community board has a stall on Thursday 4 November, 11am – 2pm which will be next to the mental health awareness stall. Julia is trying to get Jeff Pegg from Community Safety to attend and will be handing out debit card wallets that prevent debit card scamming.</p>	Julia Wassell
3	<p>Health inequalities – CVD, Diabetes and Stroke update</p> <p>They are working with Arif and Mark in Aylesbury to move forward a workshop which will be the two community boards coming together to talk around cardiovascular and inequalities. The evening of 29 November has been penciled in and the workshop will be by invite only. Action: Louise to come back to the group after the workshop to share the information</p>	Louise Hurst, Public Health

	<p>They have also contacted the primary care networks that cover High Wycombe, who are keen to support.</p> <p>Louise spoke about the new case rates which are really going up across the whole country, particularly in school aged children but they are seeing a spill over into the kind of age groups that would be parents and grandparents. They are putting together in the Council teams, some comms to encourage people to get their booster jabs if and when they are eligible and for secondary school aged children to get vaccinated. They are also, encouraging those eligible for the flu jab, to take it up, as this winter has the potential to be quite a bad flu season which could have a massive impact.</p>	
4	<p>Community Cohesion pilot</p> <p>Melanie has been doing some work with Red Kite to see how they can get the maintenance of the Imbies Estate back on track. She highlighted the lack of community in that area and would like to do something about it and wondered if some sort of community cohesion scheme could be introduced. Any suggestions or ideas or team members in the council that could kick start a community initiative. She would also like to try and achieve some funding to be able to support this. Action: Melanie to contact to Nicky Pearson who already has a scheme up and running</p> <p>Action: The Health & Wellbeing action group will support Melanie and will visit the estate and help with litter picking, etc. Also, leaflets to be supplied to put through doors</p> <p>Paul indicated that he had already been looking at this area but emphasised that it would have to be managed extremely carefully to make it sustainable and to continue.</p> <p>‘Volunteer it Yourself’ was suggested by Monica as an organisation that maybe worth contacting.</p>	Melanie Smith
5	<p>Homelessness Update</p> <p>James indicated that homelessness is going to be quite bad this winter with the cost of living going up, the Universal Credit cut, the end of furlough and the end of the eviction ban. He has proposed an idea, that together with the council, to go back to something like ‘everyone in’ over the winter months. The proposal would be for something a little better with, activities, meals, substance abuse recovery groups being run.</p> <p>James would like to get volunteering back up and running as it was when the night shelter was run. They would like to get a</p>	Melanie Smith / Fay Ewing

	<p>volunteering coordinator in for six months to help and some funding towards marketing and communicating this.</p> <p>The application is for £8,134. The group were in full support of the project.</p>	
6	<p>Funding Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wycombe Homeless Connection <p>As above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wycombe Mind Hoarding project <p>Julia declared a non pecuniary interest.</p> <p>They ran a pilot project from January – August 2021 which was funded by the Red Kite Springboard fund. They supported 30 households who were experiencing complex challenges with their indoor and outdoor environments.</p> <p>Their bid to the Community Board would be for other social housing tenants, private rentals or homeowners. The referral pathways they would develop to access the service would be through NHS mental health staff and social workers from Buckinghamshire Council. They would support 30 vulnerable people over one year at a cost of £15,000.</p> <p>Arif suggested that another organisation be approached for additional/joint funding.</p> <p>The group were in support of the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Bucks Hospice <p>We are in discussions with them about raising the range of services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hairoun Day Centre <p>This is for an Outreach worker for one year to deliver physical activities and some support around reducing social isolation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wycombe Refugees <p>Application has now been received. Action: Fay to invite Stephanie from Wycombe Refugee Partnership to the next meeting to talk about the bid</p>	<p>James Boulton</p> <p>Jenny Stokes</p>

7	<p>New funding bids</p> <p>Seerah Today: This application was for support for muslim women around domestic violence and abuse. It's a scheme that Thames Valley Police have approached Seerah Today and asked if they would present a funding proposal and deliver a support service as a pilot.</p> <p>Mama Bee: Will present to the board at a later date their ideas for the funding.</p> <p>Defibrillator Scheme</p> <p>There has been some interest about defibrillators. The group would like to get a site in each ward for a defibrillator. Any bids would be matched by the British Heart Foundation. Action: Members have to the 30 November to identify a site should they want a defibrillator in their ward. Fay/Julia to send out an email</p> <p>Action: Julia to contact The British Heart Foundation to obtain some advice on siting a defibrillator</p>	Julia Wassell
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There will be a Community Board stall at the High Street lights switch on 18 November.</p> <p>Julia has secured 'Free Serves' funding of £500, plus a coach for a session for young people to try out tennis, from the British Lawn Tennis Association. Action: All – If your ward has a dilapidated tennis court or any space that is a nontraditional lawn tennis club, contact Julia or Mike Piggott at the British Lawn Tennis Association</p> <p>It was decided that a meeting will be held in November for just bid presentations.</p>	ALL
9	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>11 November 2021 - 1830</p>	



Community Board High Wycombe

Action Group: Health & Wellbeing

Meeting date: 11 November 2021


ACTION NOTES

(high level notes for the purpose of tracking/monitoring activity)

Present: Julia Wassell, Nabeela Rana, Karen Bates, Fay Ewing, Nicola Page, Monica Bergh, Louise Hurst, Aldo Simone, Jean Presley, Charmaine Fyffe, Arman Alam, Paul Turner, Jacque Roberts, Ros Khan, Laura Ripley, Stephanie Rybak, Colin Hingston, Mark Stokes, Richard Andrews, Fehzan Mehdi, Khaiam Shabbir, Melanie Smith, Junaid Khan,

Apologies: Andrea Baughan, Lesley Clarke, Nathan Thomas, Colin McGregor-Paterson, Helen Gillespie

No	Topic	Lead
1	<p>Actions and updates from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Wellbeing Week A mental health stall was taken along which was run by some service users and social workers. They had 20 enquiries. Another student wellbeing week is being held in January. <p>Action: Fay to source a Community Board pop up poster and leaflets for future events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defibrillators British Heart Foundation are no longer doing their matching scheme. However, they have offered to give us a discount for a larger order. Our new contact with BHD is Ray Cox and Fay has set up a meeting with him to discuss. 	<p>Julia</p> <p>Julia/Fay</p>

	<p>An email to be sent to the seven ward areas that are unparished and also include Maz, Malanie and Paul’s areas who are partially parished, to try and get one defibrillator put on a public/community building which would cost approximately £10,000-£12,000. Action: Fay</p> <p>Action: Fay to establish whether there is a recommended distance between defibrillators</p> <p>Two new applications received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yoga classes in the Guildhall 2. Poetry with uplifting messages placed across High Wycombe 	
2	<p>Funding applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaya at Seerah Today With the help of the police Ros has been developing Inaya at Seerah today, which is a very small, very personal group of volunteers, who are going to help buddy people who are under intimate domestic abuse, for muslim women specifically. The funding would be to have the discretion to assist with paying bills or finding accommodation for the women, it is estimated that this would be £400/person. The bid is for £4,500 for a pilot to see how it runs. <p>Safeguarding concerns were raised by the group. Ros to speak to Wycombe Womens Aid and TVP for advice.</p> <p>Action: Fay to speak to Gill Harding to see if there would be any funds available from central government funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mama Bee Laura shared a presentation with the group on their Open Door project, which offers a safe and welcoming community space for local people to develop connections. <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>MAMA BEE GROUP PRESENTATION .pdf</p> </div> <p>The application is for £29,000 for 3 projects.</p> <p>The group supported the application by a show of hands.</p>	<p>Ros Khan</p> <p>Laura Ripley</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wycombe Refugee Partnership The charity was set up to resettle refugee families in High Wycombe and so far, 22 families have been helped. <p>At the start of the pandemic they became aware that there were also asylum seekers and a few refugees who hadn't come through them, in High Wycombe who were very much in need. A Community Response program was set up to support these people, providing halal chickens, fruit, veg, etc. This was up to 91 people, twice a week. When another lockdown hit, it was decided that it would be safer to switch to supermarket vouchers (£25 per person/month).</p> <p>They are also piloting an activities fund/hardship and access fund to support the children/young children who have spent the last 2 years in isolation, in a foreign country and haven't had the money to go out do things with their peers. The funds will help them to take up a sporting or leisure activity which will enable them to integrate. The pilot will start with the Community Response families (29 children). The application is for £7250, based on £250/child for a year.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing action group supported the Wycombe Refugee Partnership bid, they found it to be within the aims of the Community Board and it supports the Buckinghamshire Council's assistance of housing refugees. This bid is to enhance the health and wellbeing of people while settling in the UK and this is particularly attentive to the needs of children. The action group feels that it particularly meets the council and boards aim of safeguarding the vulnerable.</p> <p>The group supported the application by a show of hands.</p>	Stephanie Rybak
3	<p>Health inequalities – CVD, Diabetes and Stroke Workshop update</p> <p>Public Health profile and recommendations for High Wycombe, link below:</p> <p>https://www.healthandwellbeingbucks.org/Resources/Councils/bucks-public-health/local-profile/2021/HighWycombe_CommunityBoard.pdf</p> <p>Any feedback welcome.</p>	Louise Hurst Public Health

	The cardiovascular disease workshop is penciled in for the 29 November. Louise indicated that it would be helpful to know if this is something people have the time and capacity to come to, as they would like to think about how they can work with the High Wycombe Community Board. However, if people feel that the workshop isn't the right way or the right approach please feedback.	
4	<p>Drink spiking update</p> <p>Action: Fay to circulate the email from Nathan which includes the update.</p> <p>Julia has ordered bottle stoppers and cup covers for the 18 November Community Board stall at the Christmas lights switch on, along with the debit card protector cards provided by Neighbourhood Watch.</p>	Nathan Thomas
5	<p>Mental Health and Poverty</p> <p>This agenda item to be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	Julia
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>All outstanding bids to be brought together at the next meeting (Hairoun, South Bucks Hospice together with the yoga and poetry bids).</p>	All
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>9 December 2021</p>	

Present: Julia Wassell, Arif Hussain, Fay Ewing

Review of existing priorities for previous Mental Health & Community and Community Cohesion sub-groups

Funding applications

- Hairoun Day Centre - Fay working with Ann Williams on revised funding application for an outreach worker and physical activity / social isolation project
- Samaritans funding application for £6,300 successful, project ongoing
- YES funding application for £10,000 successful, project to start
- 7Roadlight funding application for £6,152 in progress
- Action4Youth funding application for £40,000 over 3 year period successful, project ongoing
- Wycombe Youth Action funding application for £7,000 successful, project to start
- Transitions UK youth project funding application for £4,000 successful, project to start

Outstanding priorities from both sub-groups

World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide prevention day 10th September - BNU keen to partner and support on the day - virtual freshers fair to promote message to students

Gazebo confirmed for High Street

JW has t-shirts and promo materials for the event

Samaritans will be present

ACTION - contact Liz Biggs BC Public Health to confirm if she can attend event and support - FE / JW?

HWTC also have a gazebo 3 days per week for charities to use for free on the High Street - can we use on 10th Sept and promote to charities to use - **ACTION** - ALL HWCB to promote?

Mental health support

World Mental Health Day on Sunday 10th October - idea for week of awareness starting 4th October with events

Highlight young minds - awareness for young people - would YES and CAMHS agree to be present in High Street and promote support?

End of October - JW organises the festival of health & wellbeing at the Town Hall - Connect2Serve, Khepera, WISE, BAME groups, LGBT, learning disabilities groups all present plus more

ACTION – Option to submit an application to the CB for funding for this event
CB could fund extra room upstairs to deliver NHS health checks or wellbeing workshops

Mental Health support for Black African and Black African Caribbean men

Julia to park project idea until further plans or support in place to progress

ESOL project

ESOL classes focused on maternity and health services support - Andrea Baughan leading on this with Claire Tilson from Healthy Living Centre and Teresa Meredith from Bucks Adult Learning.

Healthy Living Centre and Bucks Adult Learning have courses available which we can support with promotion to the right cohorts

ACTION - Andrea to report in 3-4 weeks on the progress of this project

Art trail idea - Annie could feed back in 3-4 weeks - could this link with Wycombe Arts Centre?

Feedback from young people - about potential priorities and what would help / support them and how to involve them in the group and identify gaps in youth provision.

Benson from the Fitness garden and Monica Bergh from Family Support Service were engaging with young people to identify ways to do this - JW suggested Benson could link this with men's suicide prevention?

Action - Fay to contact Benson and Monica

Potential Stop and Search project - suggestion from Jacque Roberts SV2G - Park stop and search and discuss this in recovery and regeneration

Action - Fay to update Matt Knight and Mike Dean and link with Jacque Roberts

Black history month October / BLM / Unconscious bias - Jacque Roberts

could this link with wellbeing month and could Jacque Roberts deliver or help organise a talk?

Groups have joined Mimi Harker's BAME group across Bucks

Can we focus on wider diversity and inclusion

This would include and highlight support for people with learning difficulties - Gateway, BAB support groups / clubs exist but none have re-opened since pandemic and many residents are digitally excluded, Higginson Park club hasn't re-opened which supports physical and mental health and learning disabilities

Aim to be more inclusive and promote cross-intersectionality

New ideas for priorities for 2021/22

- **Impact of long Covid - support from Public Health / NHS and local voluntary groups**
- **Support services for people at home with Covid-19 and self-isolating**
- **People housebound since lockdown 1 and before**
 - **Social isolation**
 - **Physical and mental health issues which are barriers to people going out again as lockdown has ease**

Wrap Covid-19 into one umbrella item

Impact of long Covid - recognition and promote support available

Idea for BFP feature and leaflet listing signposting to support for residents

Covid briefing - could this expand to Covid related health issues?

Could Wycombe Sound help to promote available support

- **Debt and homelessness**
Links to Recovery and regeneration action group and the Financial Insecurity pilot which Gill Harding is leading on for BC
- **First Aid**
First Aid training for residents
Town centre event to promote first aid?
Action: Arif to contact ambulance service
- **Terminally ill residents and their carers - support for carers**
Butterfly house hospice for terminally ill residents - keen to deliver a day in September - David Haggard is the contact
- **Macmillan World's biggest coffee morning 24th September** - Town centre? - Julia to circulate note about this <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/>

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Chiltern Samaritans, 149 Station Road, Amersham on the Hill, HP6 5DJ

Date: 31 January 2022

Subject: the Samaritans Suicide Prevention Awareness campaign, funded by High Wycombe Community Board, Mental Health and Community subgroup

Aim campaign: raise awareness of Samaritans free mental health support available to those struggling with suicidal thoughts (particularly adult males), or more generally feelings of emotional distress, and those close to them in, including family, friends and colleagues, and reduce incidence of suicide in the town.

Update:

To date (31 January 2022), we have spent £3,063 of the allocated £6,370 (or 48%). In addition to the activities reported on 14 July 2021 (listed below), the main activity has been the installation of wraps of the gate lines at High Wycombe train station. We already had crisis signage in place in line with current recommendations as part of our partnership with National Rail. In conversations with Chiltern Railways we highlighted that the gate line did not at the time have any advertising and we have found them amenable to Samaritans messaging being placed upon them. Advertising costs and collateral and installation came to just under £1,000. Please see picture below.



Covid restrictions have continued to play a role since and we have not been able to develop further activities. However, with restrictions relaxing we are planning a delayed awareness event at the station with associated press coverage and will re-activate our original plans as per the proposal. In addition, we aim to engage with Wycombe Wanderers Football Club where we had a match event in January 2020 which we aim to repeat again later this season. We would be very grateful for extension of the project into 2022 and will continue to liaise with Becky Hitch, Suicide Prevention Lead for Buckinghamshire Council to ensure our activities best reach the target group.

For completeness, the activities in the first half of 2021 were:

- Advertorials in Bucks Free Press (both printed and online versions), starting with a full page on Friday 2 April 2021
- Additional online visibility in the community: Bucks Free Press graciously invited Samaritans to sponsor the 'Outstanding Contribution to Healthcare & Social Care Award' (at zero cost), one of their 13 Buckinghamshire Health and Social Care Awards. In April 2021, Stephen Weir, branch director of Samaritans Chiltern branch, participated in the video made of the (virtual) award ceremony.
- Distribution of Samaritans material (posters and caller cards), to e.g.: All Buckinghamshire libraries, including the High Wycombe library and Sainsbury's staff room, High Wycombe

We thank the Board for their ongoing support.

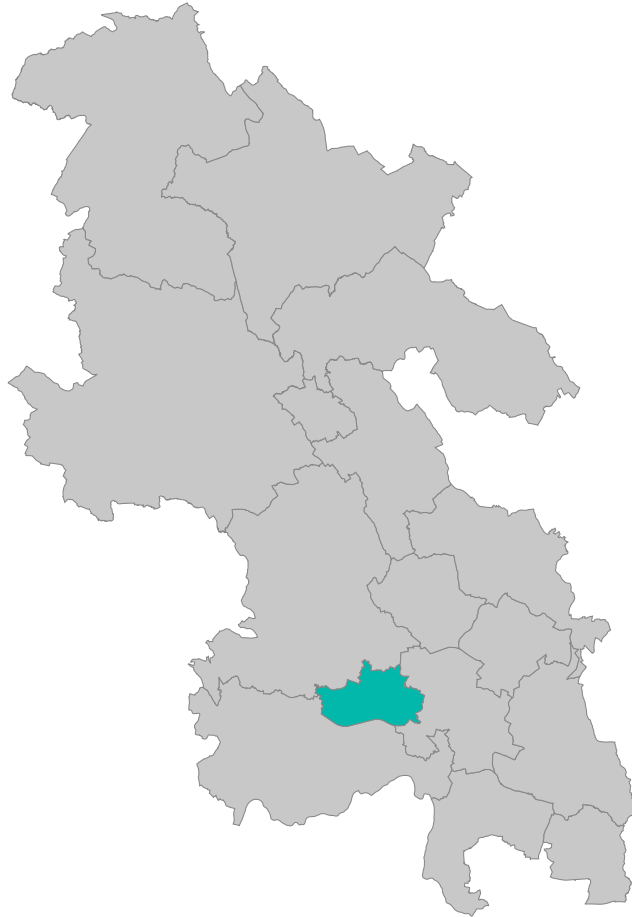
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Community Board Profile

Board Name

High Wycombe



Overview



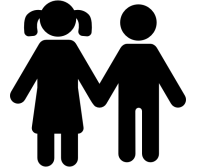
People in your community



Life expectancy



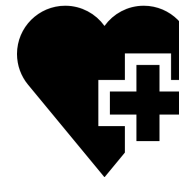
Growing up in your community



Health behaviours



Long term conditions and healthcare usage



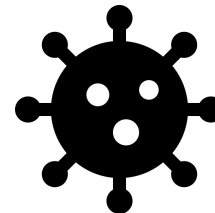
Disease registers



Vulnerable groups



COVID-19 headlines



Natural built environment



Increasing our prosperity



Improving community safety



Reference



Overview

Why are communities important for our health?

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

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

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

Population



There are 75,814 people living in the High Wycombe Community Board area

Health and wellbeing



High Wycombe Community Board has a lower life expectancy for men (79.8 years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 81.8 years (England average 79.8). The life expectancy for women is lower (83.8 years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 85.1 years (England average 83.4).

Vulnerable groups



15.3% of children are living in poverty in the High Wycombe Community Board area, compared with 9.5% across Buckinghamshire

Education and skills



19.6% of people have no qualifications in the High Wycombe Community Board area compared with 16.8% across Buckinghamshire

Housing



2.1% of households lack central heating in the High Wycombe Community Board area, compared with 1.4% across Buckinghamshire

Economy



8% of people are in receipt of unemployment benefit (JSA and UC) in the High Wycombe Community Board area compared with 4.6% across Buckinghamshire

Crime and safety



There are higher levels of crime in High Wycombe compared with the Buckinghamshire average (IoD 2019 Crime Rank)

Access and transport



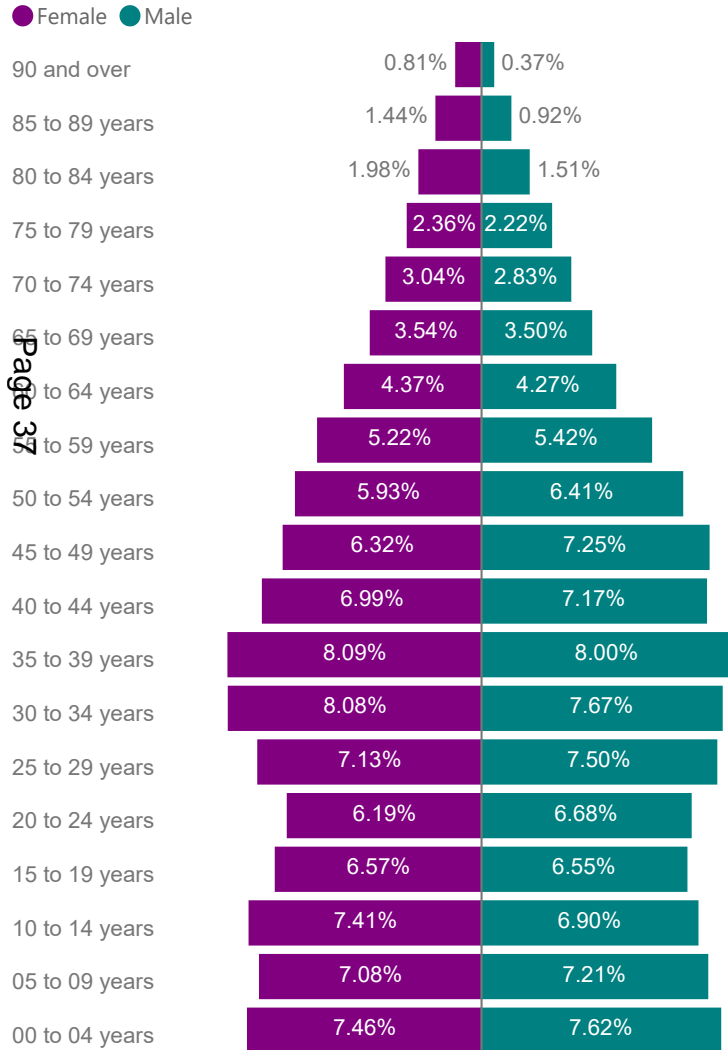
20% of households have no car in the High Wycombe Community Board area compared with 12.6% across Buckinghamshire

People in your community

Board Name

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

Age Structure

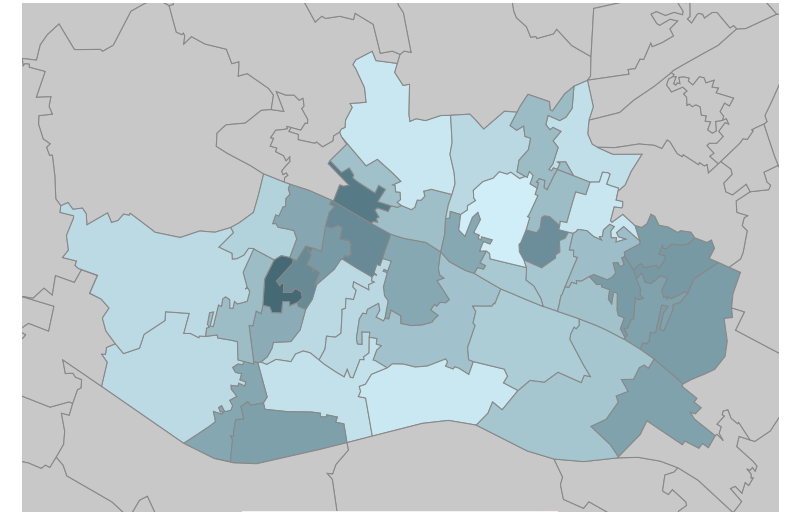
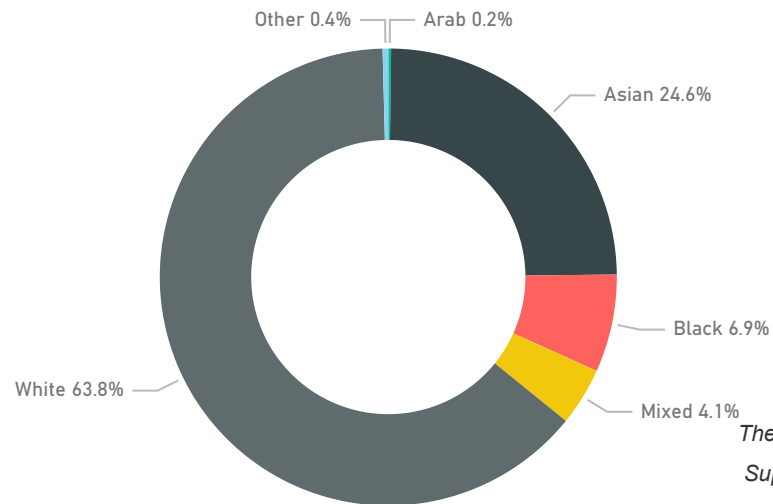


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High Wycombe Community Board has more young people than the county average, with 23.2% of the population under 16 years of age (Buckinghamshire average 20.7%, England average 19.2%), and fewer older people than the county average, with 12.3% of the population aged 65+ (Buckinghamshire average 18.9%, England average 18.4%).

High Wycombe Community Board is more ethnically diverse than Buckinghamshire as a whole. Ethnic minorities (excluding white minorities) make up 36.3% of the population compared with 13.6% in Buckinghamshire overall, and 14.6% in England.

Ethnicity



less deprived more deprived

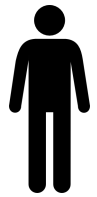
The Indices of Multiple Deprivation is a relative measure of deprivation of small areas. A higher score indicates an area is experiencing higher deprivation.

High Wycombe Community Board has a deprivation score of 15.7 within Buckinghamshire (Buckinghamshire as a whole is 10.1). The map shows the pockets of higher deprivation across this community board.

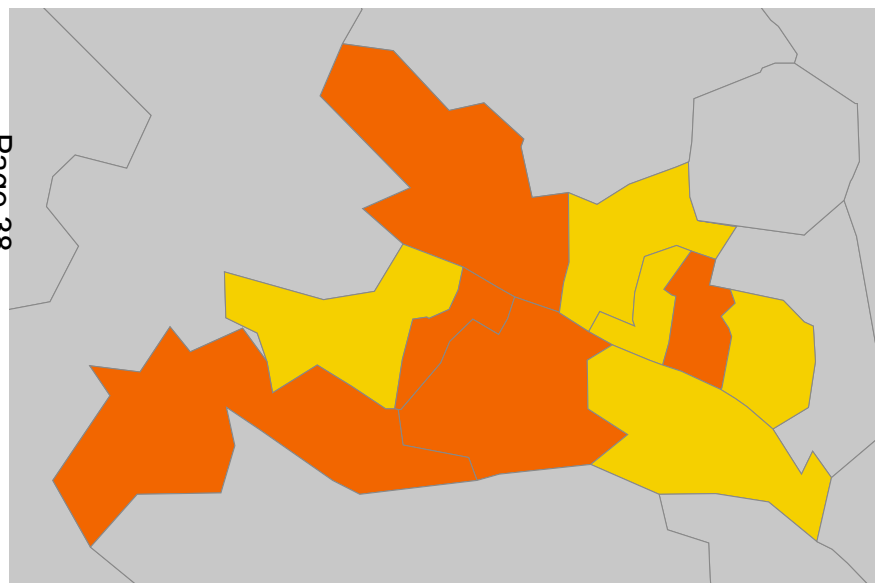
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Board Name ▼
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Life expectancy at birth (males) by MSOA, 2015-19



● Similar ● Worse compared to Buckinghamshire average



79.8 High Wycombe
81.8 Buckinghamshire
79.8 England

Life Expectancy

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

High Wycombe Community Board has a lower life expectancy for men (79.8 years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 81.8 years (England average 79.8).

The life expectancy for women is lower (83.8 years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 85.1 years (England average 83.4).

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

Impact of COVID

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

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

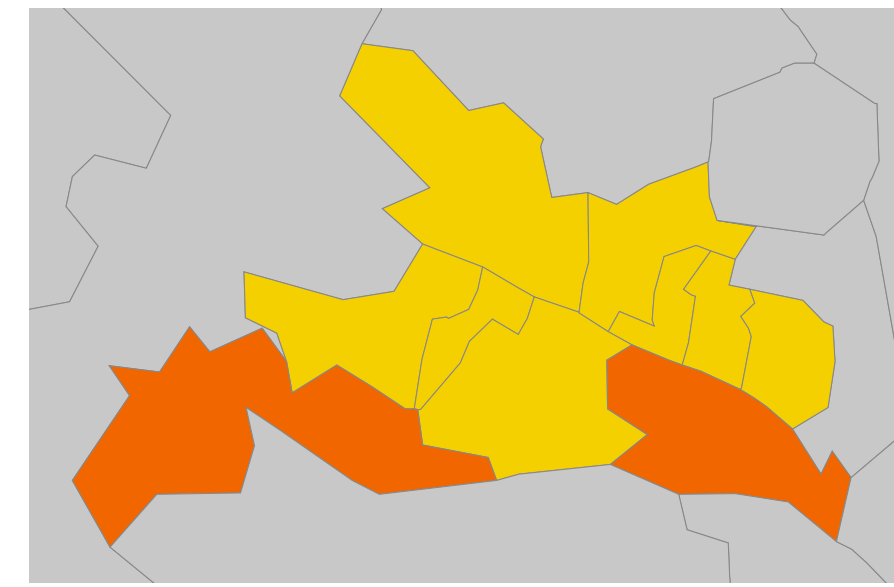
This drop in life expectancy has not been experienced equally across the country and national analysis shows more deprived areas have seen a larger drop which has resulted in greater inequalities in 2020.

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

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



● Similar ● Worse compared to Buckinghamshire average



83.8 High Wycombe
85.1 Buckinghamshire
83.4 England

Growing up in your community

Board Name
High Wycombe

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

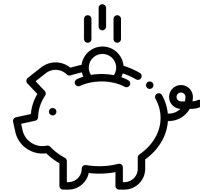


Births (2019)

1.109

Low Birthweight babies

10.6%



Children in poverty

15.3%



Child excess weight Year 6

39.4%



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

Low birthweight increases the risks of childhood death, developmental problems and is associated with poorer health in later life. High Wycombe Community Board had 1109 births in the latest year. Of these births 10.6% had a low birthweight, which is higher than the Buckinghamshire average of 6.8% (England average 6.8%).

There is a higher proportion of children living in poverty (15.3%) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 9.5% (England average 17.0%).

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

39.4% of children in year 6 (ages 10 and 11 years), are overweight or obese compared to 31.1% in Buckinghamshire as a whole.

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

Health behaviours

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

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



Adult Obesity

Data will be added to this section once available



Adults who are physically inactive

24.5%

- higher proportion of adults who are physically inactive (24.5%) compared to the Buckinghamshire average (20.3%)



Smoking

Data will be added to this section once available



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

181.2

- higher rate of residents (per 100,000 population) receiving treatment for alcohol and non-opiate misuse (181) than the county overall (134)

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

Long term conditions and healthcare use

Board Name

High Wycombe

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

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

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

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NHS Health Checks



960

Uptake 2019/20

36.7%

NHS Health Checks (%)

High Wycombe Community Board (where a rank of 1 out of 16 indicates higher emergency admissions):

- Ranks 2 for emergency admissions overall
- Ranks 4 for cancer emergency admissions
- Ranks 1 for cardiovascular emergency admissions
- Ranks 1 for dementia emergency admissions
- Ranks 2 for mental health emergency admissions
- Ranks 2 for under 5 years emergency admissions
- Ranks 1 for respiratory emergency admissions

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

The NHS Health Check programme aims to help prevent heart disease, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease. A high take up is important to identify early signs of poor health leading to opportunities for early interventions. High Wycombe Community Board had a lower uptake of health checks (36.7%) compared with the Buckinghamshire average (43.8%).

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

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

Board Name

High Wycombe

Vulnerable groups

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



Personal debt
(unsecured loans) per
person aged 18+

£751.90



Unemployment Benefit
Claimants

7.0%



Food Poverty

13,855

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

Personal debt in the High Wycombe Community Board area (£751.91) is greater than the Buckinghamshire average (£751.71), and greater than the England average (£661.90).

High Wycombe Community Board has a higher proportion of unemployment benefit claimants (7.0%) compared to the Buckinghamshire average (3.9%), and a higher proportion than the England average (5.6%).

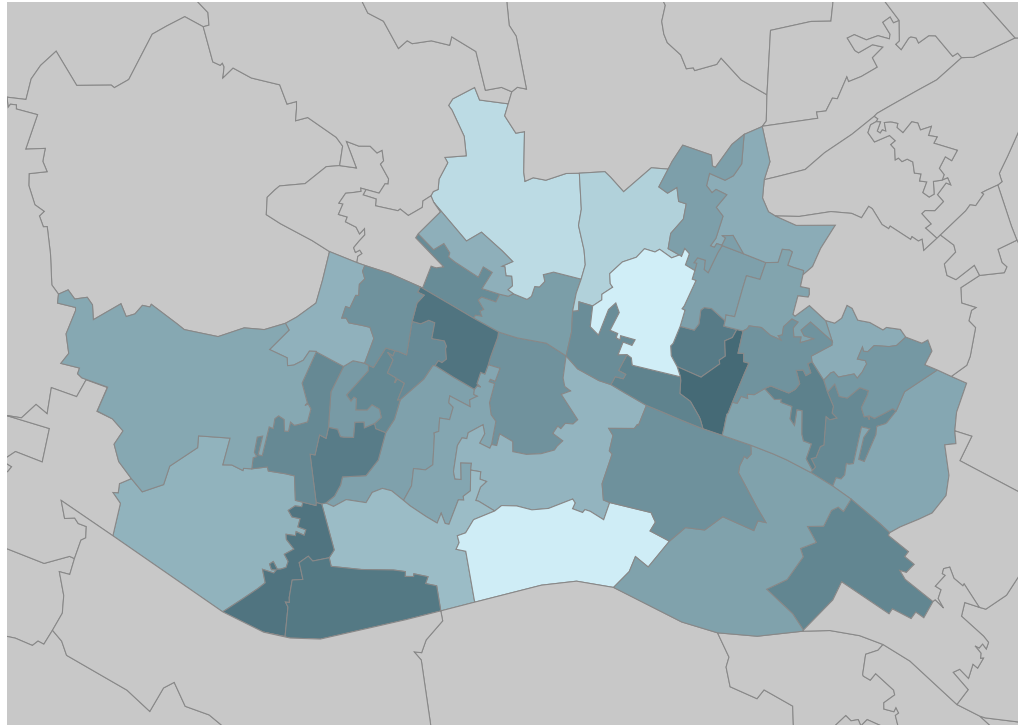
High Wycombe Community Board residents have an above average risk of food poverty compared to the county overall. 13,855 residents are living in households at a higher risk of food poverty (18.4% of the Community Board population). This compares with 79,896 people in Buckinghamshire overall (14.9% of the county population).

Vulnerable groups (2)

Board Name
High Wycombe

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

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



less prevalence of loneliness [color gradient bar] greater prevalence of loneliness

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

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

The probability of loneliness in those aged 65 years and over in High Wycombe is higher (-3.97) than the Buckinghamshire average (-4.18). The average for England is -3.9. A value closer to 0 predicts a greater prevalence of loneliness.

In addition, the proportion of working age residents receiving personal independence payments (PIP) is higher (3.8%) than the Buckinghamshire average (3.2%) and lower than the England average (6.2%).



3.8%

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Source: Risk of Loneliness - AgeUK, English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA) survey, June 2010 - July 2012, Irregular (published January 2016); PIP - Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) , Monthly (published July 2021); Food poverty - Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) , Quarterly (published March 2021).

The maps do not match the Community Board boundary exactly. Data is being presented by the Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA) covering the Community Board. These are geographic areas with a mean population of 1,500 people and their boundaries can cross the Community Boards boundaries. The interactive profile will enable the maps to be explored in more detail.

COVID-19 headlines

Board Name
High Wycombe

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

COVID Cases

11,720

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

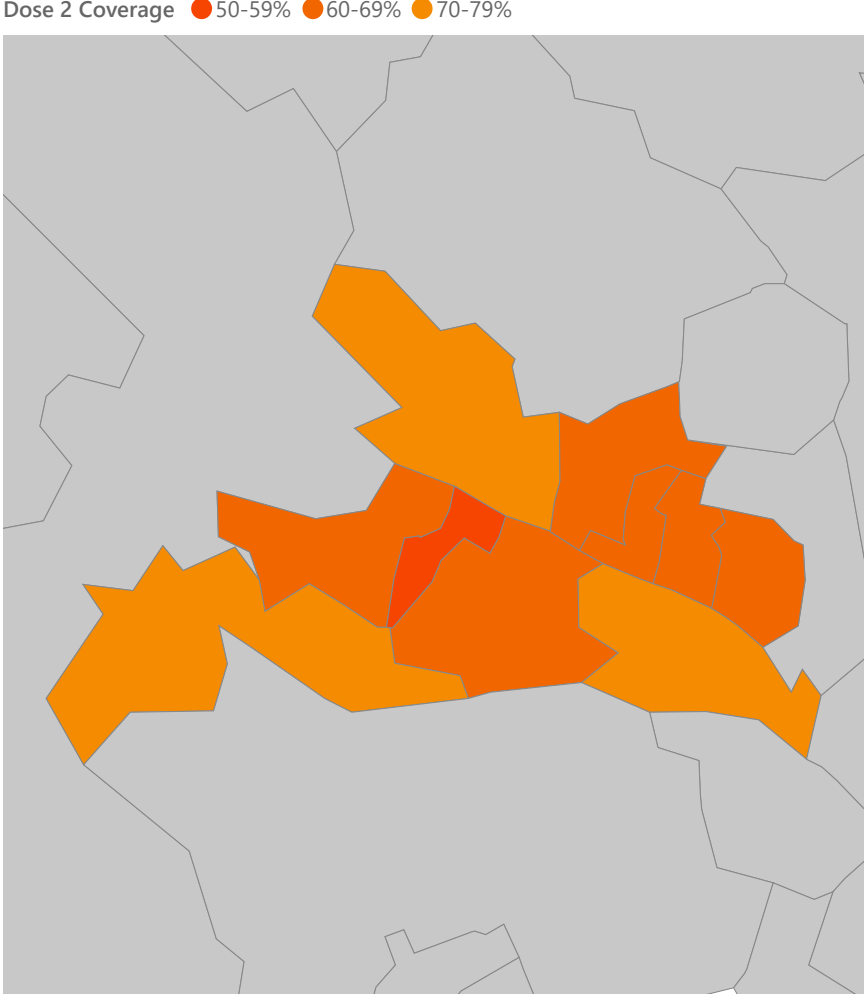
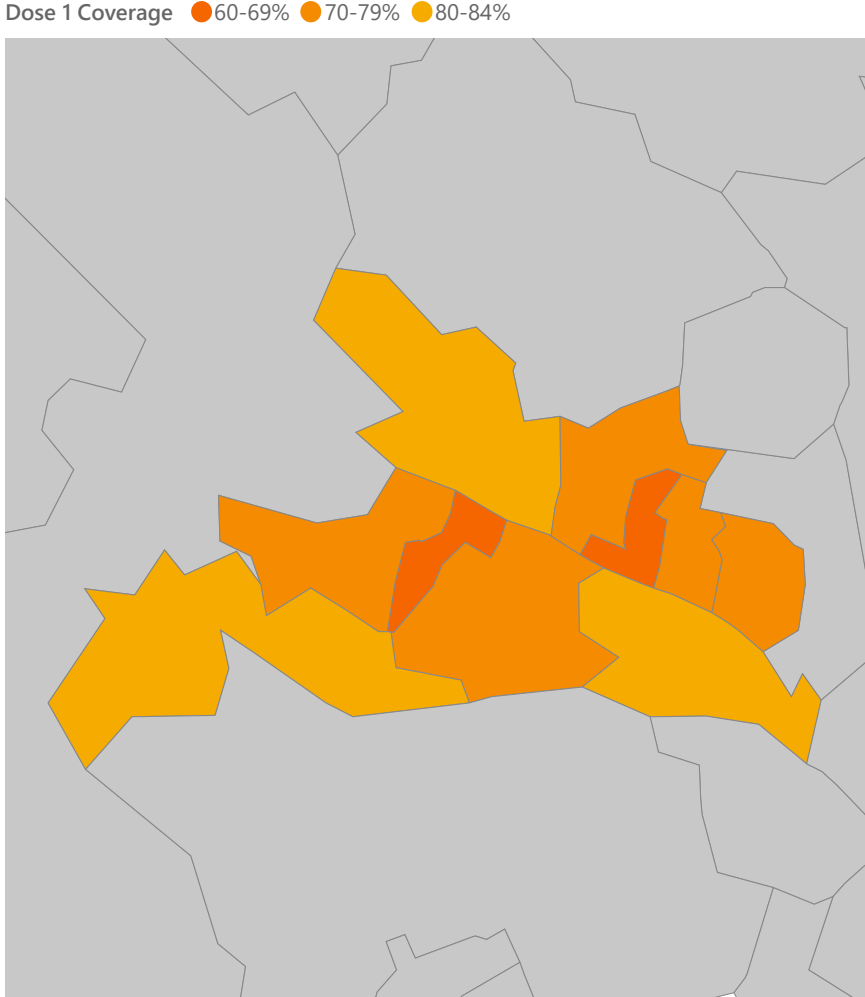
South East 9,538 England 11,175

COVID Deaths

160

Deaths involving COVID - data up to July 2021

Vaccine data up to and including 19/09/2021



Vaccine data up to and including 19/09/2021

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Natural built environment

Board Name

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



Median house price


£321,196

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Proportion of dwelling stock in each Council Tax band

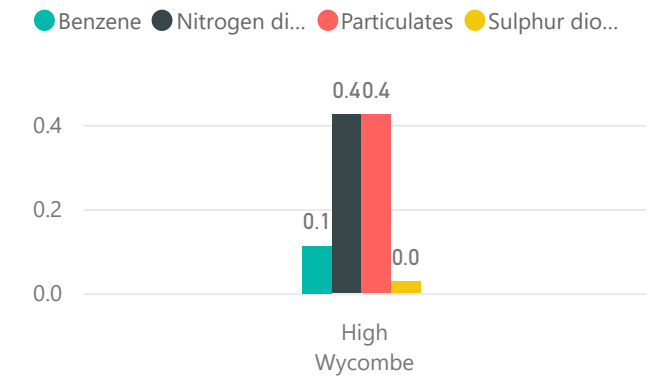
Board Name	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Band I
High Wycombe	2.9	21.6	41.6	18.8	8.4	4.4	2.3	0.0	0.00

Total Carbon footprint per person (kg)

 **8,813kg** High Wycombe

11,166kg Buckinghamshire

Air quality deprivation score



The median house price in High Wycombe (£321,196) is lower than the Buckinghamshire average (£472,944), and higher than the England average (£297,067)

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

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

- higher concentration of Benzene (0.112) than the Buckinghamshire average (0.093)
- higher concentration of Nitrogen Dioxide (0.424) than the Buckinghamshire average (0.377)
- higher concentration of Particulates (0.424) than the Buckinghamshire average (0.407)
- higher concentration of Sulphur Dioxide (0.027) than the Buckinghamshire average (0.026)

Board Name ▼
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Broadband speed (Mbit/s)

34.0

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

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



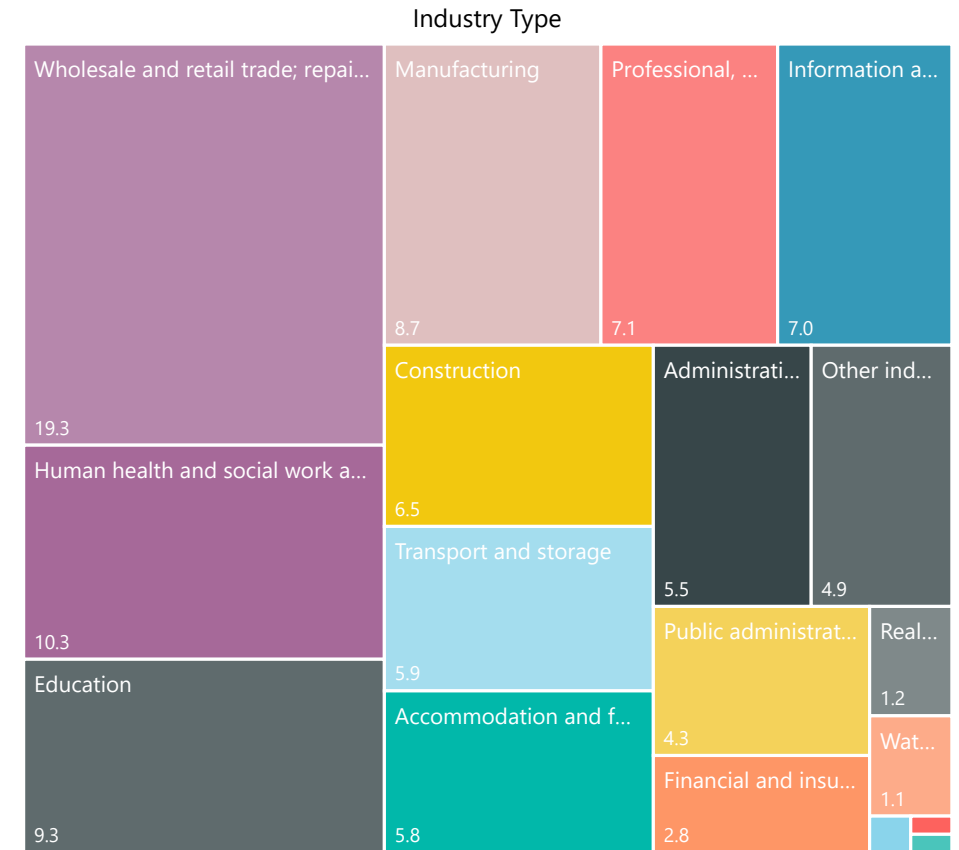
Jobs density (%)

86.6

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

High Wycombe has a higher jobs density (86.6%) than Buckinghamshire (74.7%). The overall jobs density for England is 78.1%.

Increasing our prosperity



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

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Improving community safety

Board Name
 High Wycombe



Safer Buckinghamshire Partnership Priorities

- Resilience in the Community
- Protecting the vulnerable
- Reducing crime linked to Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health
- Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Preventing offending



High Wycombe Community Board

Crime rates (per 1,000 residents)

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

- Ranks 1 for incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour

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

- Ranks 9 for Burglary crime

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

- Ranks 2 for Drug crimes

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

- Ranks 4 for Vehicle crime

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

- Ranks 1 for Violent crime and sexual offences

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

- Ranks 1 for Domestic Violence and Abuse

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

Source: Crime rates - Police UK (Police recorded crime figures), July 2021; CB Crime ranks - These are based on the crime rates. A rank of 1 indicates the highest crime rate and rank 16 indicates the lowest crime rate across the community.

Improving community safety (2)

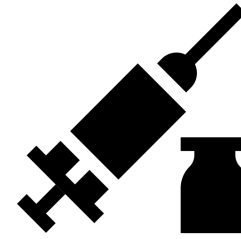
Crime rates (per 1,000 residents)



Antisocial Behaviour
13.6



Burglary
7.6



Drug crime
4.1



Total Crime Offences
92



Vehicle crime
6.0



Violent crime and sexual offences
34.6



Domestic Violence and Abuse
14.3

Outcome Rate %

Aylesbury LPA: 17%

Chiltern & South Bucks LPA: 14%

Wycombe LPA: 15%

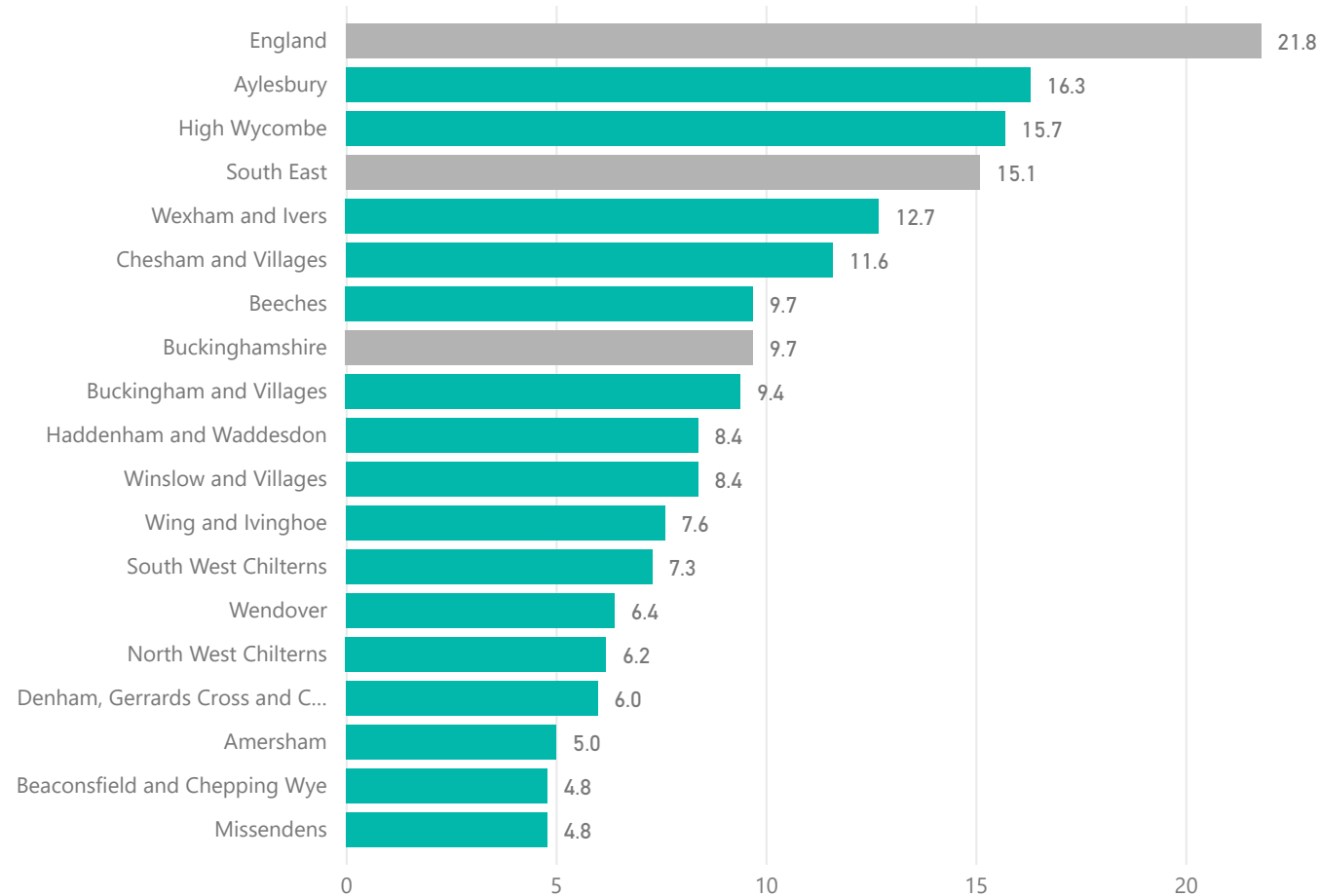
Outcome rate (%) is the proportion of 'Positive Outcomes' a Local Policing Area (LPA) has achieved as defined by the Home Office.

The overall crime rate in High Wycombe Community Board area is higher than the Buckinghamshire average and lower than the England average.

Compared to the Buckinghamshire average, High Wycombe Community Board has a higher rate of Anti-social Behaviour, Drug Crime, Vehicle Crime, Violent Crime and Sexual Offences, Domestic Violence and Abuse, and a lower rate of Burglary,

Improving community safety (3)

Indices of Deprivation 2019 Score



High Wycombe has a higher IMD score than Buckinghamshire, suggesting it has a higher level of deprivation.

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

References

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



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

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

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. 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 Find out more on our website: [70 Trees for 70 Years | Buckinghamshire Council](#)