



North West Chilterns Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the North West Chilterns Community Board held on Wednesday 27 July 2022 in The Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough, HP27 ODP, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.25 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Walsh (Chairman), S Broadbent, D Carroll, C Etholen, G Hall and A Turner

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

S Henson (clerk) and Cllr V Smith (West Wycombe Parish Council (PC)), Cllr K Butler (Great and Little Hampden PC), Cllr S Breese (Bledlow cum Saunderton PC), Cllr C Davies (Lacey Green PC), Cllr V McPherson and Cllr J Rogers (Longwick cum Ilmer PC), Cllr J Armshaw (Hughenden PC) and H Holman (Ellesborough PC).

Others in attendance

J Binning (Buckinghamshire Council), S Taylor (Buckinghamshire Council) and S Payne (Buckinghamshire Council) C Courtney, L Dowson, P Spence and J Stevens.

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman, Councillor Matthew Walsh, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Appointment of Vice Chairman

The Chairman announced that Councillor Carl Etholen would continue as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors Robert Carrington, Melanie Smith, Shade Adoh [and Darren Hayday]; Councillor Catherine Campbell, Princes Risborough Town Council; Councillor Simon Cope, West Wycombe Parish Council (PC); Councillor James Cripps, Great and Little Kimble PC; Councillor Stan Jones, Hughenden PC [and Councillor Wendy Monroe-West, Downley PC and Hilda Stearn, Hughenden Street Association].

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Steve Broadbent declared he was a member of the Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership Board.

5 **Notes of the last meeting**

It was noted that under the list of members present, it should read 'Cllr J Cripps (Great and Little **Kimble** Parish Council').

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2022 were **agreed** as an accurate record subject to the amendment mentioned above.

6 **Visit Buckinghamshire**

Lucy Dowson, Tourism Development Manager, Visit Buckinghamshire, provided a presentation, appended to the minutes. Lucy explained that the aim of the project was to boost the visitor economy in Buckinghamshire through promotion and working in partnership with local organisations and businesses by providing business support and advice to help businesses grow, thus increasing jobs. Raising the profile of Buckinghamshire would encourage people to visit, stay longer and spend more. The [Visit Buckinghamshire](#) website received over 30,000 visits per month and provided businesses the opportunity to promote themselves locally, nationally and internationally. The majority of the web page visits were to the 'What's On' page; there was also an active social media presence and access to an online booking system.

The North West Chilterns Visitor Economy Project provided enhanced marketing and promotional support for the area via the Visit Bucks channels. The project started at the beginning of May 2022 with a team of two working one day a week. To date, the team had engaged with 40 businesses and provided various types of support and a considerable amount of marketing.

There were challenges for businesses as footfall had reduced since the pandemic and there were concerns about the cost of living effect on businesses; there were also difficulties in finding staff which was hampering recovery.

The project would continue until October 2022 and aimed to address the lack of manpower and provide support. A fly drop was being carried out to businesses to raise awareness, along with engagement on social media to signpost businesses to Visit Bucks. There was also a networking event on 15 September 2022 at Orchard View Farm, Aylesbury from 5.30-7.30 pm.

The Chairman thanked Lucy for her presentation.

7 **Action Groups (reports for each group included in the agenda pack)**

The Chairman emphasised that the action groups were a massive part of the success of the Community Board and thanked the Chairs of the four groups. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Action Group chairs met with Sophie Payne, Community Board Lead Officer, and Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager, each month to discuss the applications/progress. The Chairman highlighted some of the achievements of each group and confirmed that the priorities would remain the same as last year. The following key points were raised:

- Councillor Steve Broadbent, Cabinet Member for Transport, BC, requested that the EV charger scheme be promoted by the Community Board, Parish Councils and Town Council.
- Councillor David Carroll stressed the importance of the parish councils being involved with the action groups; Jackie Binning agreed to make further contact with each of the parish and town councils.

Action: Jackie Binning

8 Community Board Updates

Funding Update

Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager, provided a presentation appended to the minutes and advised the CB of the current budget position and applications received as of 18 July 2022. Jackie stated that the CB was able to carry forward £37,500 for the Highway Scheme Project Initiation Documents (PIDs) which had been submitted; if approved, the remaining budget would be £60,080.

Resolved: The Community Board members **agreed** to carry forward £37,500 for the Highways Schemes.

It was highlighted that a PID had been submitted in the previous year and that a feasibility study had been carried out. In response to a query on whether it would still stand, Councillor Broadbent explained that all the schemes and feasibility studies would remain on the books and the new contractor would review all the PIDs. A Transport for Bucks (TfB) stakeholder conference was being held in October 2022 and a full update would be provided to CBs at the appropriate time. The Chairman stated he would raise the issue with the Cabinet Member for Communities.

Action: The Chairman

Small grants' procedure

The small grants procedure covered projects up to £1,000 and adhered to similar criteria and policies as other funding applications. Approval was carried out by email and there was a quicker turnaround provided the correct information was provided. The Chairman was keen to distribute the funding as widely as possible and asked the CB members to pass on Jackie's details to any interested parties (Jackie.binning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk, 07816 118011).

In response to a query on whether there was a limit to the amount of funding used under the small grants procedure; the Chairman advised that he wanted to see grass root schemes supported and that the number of applications would be monitored. Jackie stated she would find out if it was possible for an organisation to submit more than one application under the small grants' procedure.

Action: Jackie Binning

Community Board Action Plan

Jackie highlighted that the action plan on the [North West Chilterns website](#) was a live document and was updated regularly.

9 Community Matters

Former Molins site, Haw Lane, Saunderton

Sharon Henson, clerk, and Councillor Vicki Smith, West Wycombe PC, raised the issue regarding the volume of traffic passing through West Wycombe High Street; much of which was from the former Molins site demolition works. There had been concern that lorries were frequently overloaded and uncovered, however, this situation had improved recently. Lorries were often driving too fast and had been seen mounting pavements and residents along the Bradenham Road had been affected by chalk dust. The Molins site application was dated 2008; the figures and policies were out of date and the PC had been unaware of the impact it would have on the area. The PC had been told that no planning breaches had occurred even though the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) stated that there would be a maximum of 12 arrivals/departures per hour. However, the volume of traffic was considerably higher (approximately 1500 per day) and was having a huge impact. The demolition was likely to last until the end of August 2022 and the new facility would take four to five years to build resulting in some degree of noise and extra traffic.

Rosie Tunnard, Highways Community Liaison Manager, had visited the site on 27 July 2022. It had been a positive meeting with the site manager who had confirmed all vehicle drivers had been briefed on safety and checks were being made. Road sweeping would continue at various locations. It was agreed that direct contact would be made between the Local Area Technician (LAT) and the manager/site team. Damage to the verge and carriageway on Haw Lane were discussed and no vehicles would be driven through West Wycombe. Cllr Carl Etholen agreed to forward the report to the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton PC clerk for information.

Action: Councillor Carl Etholen

It was acknowledged that there were several areas of concern and photographic evidence stating the date and time was required and should be sent to the Chairman.

Action: All/Parish and Town Councils

Councillor Broadbent stated that the HS2 and East West Rail projects were devastating the road network. The road network was constantly monitored and a number of failed road surfaces would be repaired this year e.g., Nash Lee Lane/North Lee Lane. Unfortunately, HS2 had powers under their own act but BC would continue to do everything they could to improve the situation. Steve encouraged residents to use the HS2 enquiry mailbox (hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk) or to contact the HS2 team at BC regarding vehicle concerns (EWRANDHS2enquiries@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

Further points were made regarding involving DVSA with potential contraventions and also about ensuring A4010 footway and cycleway was swept clear of chalk and debris as part of road sweeping.

The following key points were raised in discussion:

- Only the conditions laid out in the planning permission were able to be enforced.
- Weight limits could only be imposed by obtaining a traffic order. However, it had been agreed that lorries would not be driven through West Wycombe.
- There should be a traffic management plan which needed to be adhered to.
- The Chairman agreed to make the Local Area Police Commander aware of the situation.

Action: The Chairman

- It was agreed that more communication was required to local residents and it was suggested that the developer shared their plans.

Action: Jackie Binning

- Could TfB arrange for 'slow, lorries turning' signs to be put in place?

Petition: Safety Crossing, Naphill

Jim Stevens, Chairman of Transport and Road Issues Action Group, started by inviting new members to join the action group; the next meeting was on 3 August 2022.

Jim provided a presentation, appended to the minutes. In summary, the ePetition had been submitted in March 2022 and had received 135 signatures. A report had been written by the BC officers and the next steps were being recommended to the CB for approval. A number of photos were shown and Jim provided an overview of the officer recommendations which were supported by the action group. There had only been one accident, which was in 2014, and this fact had driven the decision that it was not a core funding priority for BC. Jim ran through the main points of BC's report and advised that a relief school crossing patroller had been recruited [Immediate action 1] and parents would be notified if a school crossing officer was not available [Immediate action 2].

There were three BC officer recommendations which the action group supported:

- To note their report and the steps BC officers were proposing to take.
- North West Chilterns CB to consider funding feasibility work to establish the technical need and type of formal crossing.
- The school to develop a School Travel Plan (including pedestrian safety initiatives) with BC officers' support.

The action group also recommended 8 immediate (two of these had been completed) and 2 medium term actions (these might become less pressing if actions 1-8 were completed).

Immediate Actions:

1. Appointing a Relief SC Patroller must be a top priority - **completed**.
2. It was vitally important to continue email notifications to parents (via school) about SC Patroller absences - **completed**.

3. BC officers to follow up with the Headteacher BC's offer to support the development of a School Travel Plan (STP).
4. Collect walk to school route data as part of the STP.
5. Erect new road safety banners prior to Sept term.
6. Erect additional banners in more prominent locations prior to September.
7. Remove foliage blocking existing signs / yellow flashing lights.
8. Consider the application of red road surfacing at the SCP location.

Feasibility Work:

9. Third party funding should be investigated now (Clappins Lane development, RAF Naphill).
10. Community Board funding could only be considered from 2024/25.

Steven Broadbent commented that the work in response to the petition carried out by his officers and Transport and Road Issues Action Group could be used as a model at other school crossing patroller sites across Buckinghamshire.

Resolved: The Community Board Members **agreed** to support the immediate actions and feasibility work actions listed above.

Buckinghamshire Council Update

Sophie Payne highlighted the following points:

- Ukrainian guests were still arriving and further help was needed – find out more [here](#).
- Cost of living increase – information was available on the [Helping Hand Scheme](#) which could provide support with food, bills and finances.
- There was a [Holiday Activities and Food](#) (HAF) programme in many local schools, including Princes Risborough School.
- Those who were eligible for a Council Tax rebate and paid by direct debit had received their rebate. Individuals who paid by another method could provide their bank details until 1 August. After this date, all households who had not claimed their rebate would receive a £150.00 voucher instead. There was also an additional discretionary £25.00 Helping Hand top up for those on specific benefits.
- Missed Bin Collections – the position was improving gradually but the heatwave had caused further issues. The garden waste subscription arrangements had been pushed back to September 2022 but people were encouraged to sign up now. Following a query from West Wycombe PC who had garden waste sacks rather than a bin, it was confirmed that further communications would be issued. Three sacks would be delivered and stickers would be issued for sacks and bins to show proof of payment.
- The County Show was being held on 1 September 2022 and the CBs would have a stall.
- The [Bucks Online Directory](#) publicised local community events and anyone was able to add information for free.

Question Time

No questions had been submitted.

Jackie Binning reminded everyone that BC consultations and surveys could be viewed at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>.

- 10** **Date of the next meeting**
1 November 2022

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Welcome to Buckinghamshire

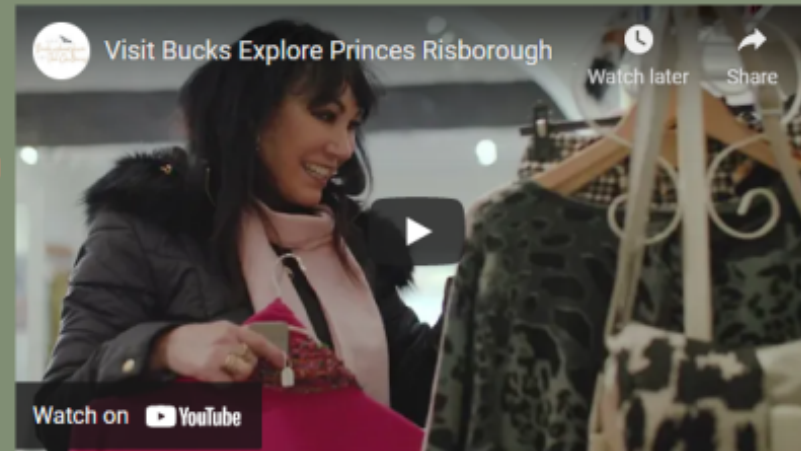
WelcomeBackBucks #LoveWhereYouLive
#SupportLocal #DoorstepDiscoveries

[Bluebells galore! »](#)

Beautiful Buckinghamshire

If you're a local looking for what's on, a day tripper wanting a change of scene or from further afield and seeking a longer escape, then please dive in to the pages of our website. Please enjoy the stunning scenery and support our fabulous restaurants, pubs and cafes, our attractions, such as museums, animal parks and historic homes, our hotels and B&Bs.

As always, we'll be sharing some stunning imagery on Instagram and bringing you information, entertainment and inspiration on Twitter and Facebook as we #WelcomeBackBucks.



An overview of Visit Buckinghamshire



Here to promote and support the Visitor Economy



National Trust



Literary Heroes



Historical Highlights



Landscape



Arts & Culture



Spectacular Sports



Film & TV



Food & Drink

Credentials

The Visit Buckinghamshire and The Chilterns website has **30,000 visitors a month!**



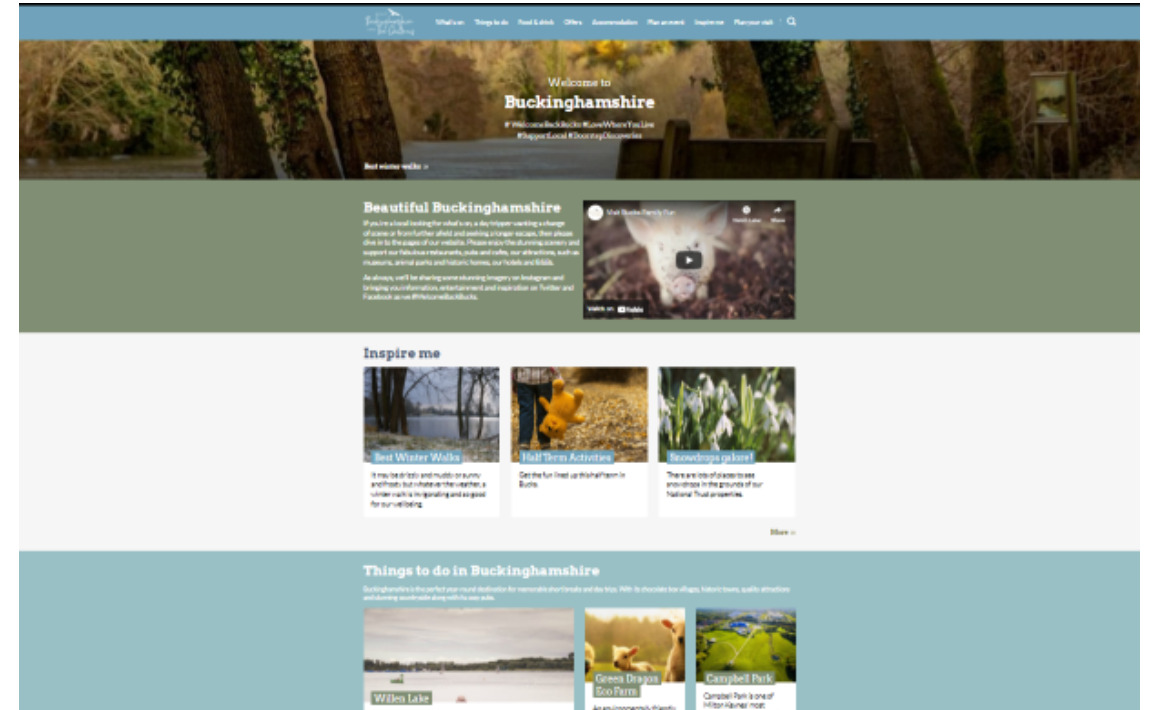
Over **30,000** visits per month to VisitBuckinghamshire.org



Reach of **6,200** Facebook, **5,880** Twitter and **5,730** Instagram fans



Partnership of over **300** tourism businesses



If you are a tourism business and are not listed, you're missing out!

North West Chilterns Visitor Economy Project

- Focusing on visitor economy businesses in your locality
- Providing enhanced marketing and promotional support via Visit Bucks channels to businesses which includes:
 - Upgraded profile on the VB website
 - Dedicated NWCB content on the VB website, consumer newsletter and social media
 - Inclusion in generic content on the VB website, consumer newsletter and social media
 - Participation in local and national campaigns
- Business Engagement – triage service to support and advice available to their business
- Signing up to on-line booking
- Participation in other Visitor Economy initiatives e.g. Boost
- To encourage collaboration to create a local visitor economy network of like minded businesses owners

The Project to date:

Number of business engaged with to date: 40 businesses

- Accessibility Audit
- Apprenticeships
- Growth Advice
- 1-2-1 Business support
- Marketing support - Free upgrades (20) of business profile, Creation of business profiles, adding events and offers
- Grants support – Low Carbon, Growth Grants and VB Boost

Marketing

- Number of people who have seen the content to date on Facebook & Twitter so far is 2.8K
- Number of times content displayed on FB & Twitter so far is 7.6K
- Engagement rate of 3.35%
- Instagram 10K views of Reels relevant to NWCB
- Views of Princes Risborough video on homepage of the website was over 500 in just under 3 weeks.

A weekend in the Chilterns



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Princes Risborough

The small country town of Princes Risborough lies between the Vale of Aylesbury and the Western Escarpment of the Chiltern Hills...



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Luxury Bed and Breakfast,
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A short train ride from London to Princes Risborough and you'll find yourself in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are quirky places to stay, luxurious places to stay, vineyards and breweries to visit, walks to be taken, historic houses to roam and farm shops to browse, and much more besides.

A Quirky Spot to Stay

There are some wonderfully quirky places to stay in the Chilterns to suit all budgets and tastes. [Chadwell Hill Farm](#) has not one but two shepherds huts, rustic but cosy with a vintage feel, bunk beds can be added for kids. What's really special is that you can bring your horse as one of the huts backs on to a paddock and there are some wonderful bridleways through the hills. Or if you fancy glamping, bell tents are on offer too with beds and soft furnishings to make your stay comfortable and hassle free. There's also room in the farmhouse for a B&B stay with delicious breakfast made from ingredients grown on the farm.

Not far away is [Orchard View Farm](#) where you can bring your own tent or hire a lovely bell tent with views across the farm with its rare breed animals. There's a farm shop with its own butchery and restaurant on site so you don't need to bring all the cooking gear and can enjoy fresh local produce cooked for you for a stress free stay.

[The Mash Inn](#) at Radnage is a stylish luxury B&B with exceptional restaurant. The small 18th century inn has only 6 rooms and the restaurant prides itself on using produce grown in their garden when possible as well as other locally produced fayre. Everything is cooked over an open fire and the awards are stacking up - it was crowned Restaurant of the Year in The Good Food Guide 2020/21.

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Visit Bucks
19 June · 🌐

Save the date - Princes Risborough Summer Festival is back 2nd to 9th July with 75+ events taking place across the town. From sewing demonstrations to cocktail making workshops, family swims to drama classes, meditation taster sessions to martial art taster sessions, the week will culminate in a Summer Street Festival on Saturday 9th July. Taking place between 1pm and 6pm along the High Street, this event will see the whole community gather for the famous man-made beach, a wealth of live music and entertainment, family-friendly attractions, and a variety of stall holders including some mouth-watering food and drink vendors! To download the festival programme, click here: [#doorstepdiscoveries](https://orlo.uk/Visit_Bucks_RirVc)



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Princes Risborough Summer Festival - Visit Buckinghamshire

Family Fun PRINCES RISBOROUGH 2nd Jul 2022, 9:00am - 9th Jul 2022, 6:00pm Free Email to a...

Visit Bucks
11 July at 14:17 · 🌐

How about learning something new with [Backwoods Experiences](#) at [Daws Hill Vineyard](#) this summer? They are holding a wreath making and wine tasting afternoon on July 24th so why get some [#MondayMotivation](#) and sign up. Details here: [#doorstepdiscoveries #escapetheeveryday](https://orlo.uk/Visit_Bucks_EZcUz)



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Lavender Wreath making with BackWoods experiences and Wine tasting - Visit Buckinghamshire

Animal Magic

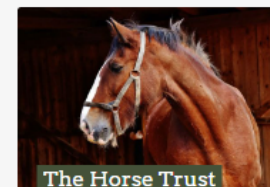


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The Horse Trust

Advancing excellence in Equine Care

As an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Chiltern Hills is home to some beautiful wildlife such as Red Kites, Fallow Deer, badgers and bats. Why not go on a little animal adventure and see what else you can find when visiting the Chilterns? Or take your dog or horse and enjoy it together?

The Horse Trust

For over 130 years the [Home of Rest for Horses](#) has specialised in providing retirement and respite for working horses and ponies. These hard-working equine public servants have served our nation in the Police, the Army or with charities which use horses to help people. They also provide sanctuary to horses, ponies and donkeys who have suffered from cruelty or neglect and who are in desperate need of specialist treatment and care. It's open to the public on certain days and it's lovely to drive past many horses in the beautiful fields clearly enjoying a peaceful retirement. You can visit some of the horses in their stables and learn their incredible stories, and enjoy refreshments at their cafe with outdoor seating with a view over the countryside.



The Grange Restaurant & Gift Shop

Restaurants | Cafes & Tea Rooms
| Afternoon Tea

Join us in the heart of the beautiful Chiltern Hills, at our elegant, relaxed and accessible restaurant, The Grange at Saunderton.

The Grange at Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

If you fancy a delicious breakfast, brunch, lunch or afternoon tea accompanied by your pooch, then head to [The Grange Restaurant](#) which is at The Hearing Dogs for Deaf People's centre in Saunderton. Dogs are of course welcomed and you can sit inside or in the courtyard or on the terrace. The food is top notch and made with local ingredients whenever possible, plus there's a lovely gift shop. You'll also likely to see some of their famous Hearing Dogs that are specially trained to help people with hearing impairment go about their daily lives.



Kew Little Pigs

The Good and The Bad

Good news:

- New animal visitor attraction about to open in August at Widmer feeds, aspiration to become an Odds Farm
- Apple Orchard are looking to start culinary and other courses for those in secondary school in preparedness for potential careers
- Burgervore are looking to have a new “bricks and mortar” establishment instead of his trailer for expansion purposes
- The Gate have been in contact with a member of BBF regarding apprenticeships
- Moogies Ltd (Russell Arms) have been helped to recruit two apprentices to help meet demand of skilled staff
- The Crown Inn, Askett looking to create bedrooms to boost their visitor offer

The Good, and The Bad!

Difficulties faced by businesses

- A decrease in footfall since the pandemic – mostly in the hospitality industry.
- Bookings very last minute, very hard to forecast
- Concerned about the cost of living effect on businesses in terms of increasing costs, but also demand for their services.
- Demand from staycations has tailed off, now that international travel has opened up again.
- Challenges of finding staff hampering recovery ie. businesses closed for 2 days mid-week as a result.
- Business still firefighting and not the recovery they had hoped, or expected.

A quote from a local business:

I would be interested to hear what you are hearing from other hospitality operators, we are certainly much quieter now, alarmingly so.. It seems the mood is damp and the outlook is very hard to predict what with at the madness of the world..... Is it just us ?

I have heard the same from the operators I know locally but just wanted to hear a wider view of the current situation and thought you may be able to shine some light !

Next Steps

- Continue to support those we have engaged with to date, but another 60-70 yet to contact.
- Addressing lack of manpower and 'taking ownership' rather than waiting for them to reach out to us ie. creating profiles on VB website, adding their events etc etc.
- Flyer dropping to businesses to raise awareness of the support that is available to them
- Engaging with business via SM, easier to get hold of than traditional routes
- August will be busy for businesses – marketing support currently, September back to business engagement
- Signpost business in your locality to us – let them know we are here to help!
- Networking event
- Focus on next big event locally – Kop Hill Climb

September Networking Event

Our Networking evening is intended for those in the visitor economy within the North West Chiltern area

- An opportunity for businesses to come along, talk and connect with others.
- Hear about our new visitor economy focused project in partnership with your local Community Board, the North West Chilterns
- Discover the latest in business support from Visit Buckinghamshire and Buckinghamshire Business First.
- Meet with other tourism and hospitality businesses to form a new supportive group of peers.



Aiming for 40 businesses total
Mid September 5.30pm-
7.30pm

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Funding summary report
North West Chilterns Community Board
27th July 2022

This paper provides a summary of the funding applications received since the start of the budget year (2022/23).

Community Board Budget Overview

The table below details the current budget position for the North West Chilterns Community Board (NWCCB). This does not include Highways schemes as these are still being agreed with the various Parish Council's.

Community Board Fund 2022/23	Total Project Costs as at 18 th July 2022	Funding allocated to date (Funding approved only)	Remaining budget as at 18 th July 2022
£125,177	£117,786	£27,597	£97,580

Note: the UK Astronomy multi board project has been approved by the NWCCB. However, this has not been included in “Funding allocated to date” because the Community Board leading this have yet to agree if this project is actually going ahead. It is confirmed as “pending” below.

Funding Applications Status Summary

Funding applications that have been received and reviewed as part of the funding process are as detailed below.

Funding applications received between 1 st April to 18 th July 2022				
Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Wycombe Refugee Partnership (multi board project)	Food Vouchers, Hardship and Access Fund	£7,000	£0	Approved – carried forward from 2021/22. £7,000 allocated as Government food vouchers not available – as agreed last year.

Funding applications received between 1 st April to 18 th July 2022				
Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Training2Care	Dementia Virtual Bus Tour (multi board)	£880	£84	Approved
Bledlow Village Cricket Club	Club refurbishment (BC Purchase Order 2)	£9,055	£1,894	Approved - 2021/22 PO 1 – 2021/22 £895 PO 2 – 2022/23 £9,055
Wycombe Mind	Free Space project (multi board)	£2,000	£3,000	Approved
Hughenden Street Association	Comms tools	£635	£0	Approved
Risborough Area Community Bus	Social Media Campaign	£1,013	£337	Approved
Stokenchurch Youth Group	Supply of 24 t-shirts	£214	£0	Approved
UK Astronomy	Bringing the skies to you (multi board)	£1,015	£0	Pending
Risborough Scout and Guide Centre Scout Hut	Asbestos removal	£5,300	£5,488	Approved
Lighthouse Princes Risborough	Children's Holiday Club	£1,500	£0	Approved
Princes Risborough Town Council (PRTC)	Wades Centre Decarbonisation & Energy Use Reduction Project	£490	£0	Was not supported by BC's funding panel – see note below**.

**Buckinghamshire Council (BC) have received a number of similar funding applications so it was not supported on this basis. However, the funding panel advised that they would be happy for PRTC to apply for funding for the agreed option from their feasibility study.

Petition

Safe Crossing – Naphill and Walters Ash School

The Petition

◆ **135 Signature ePetition**

◆ **Submitted to Buckinghamshire Council in March 2022**

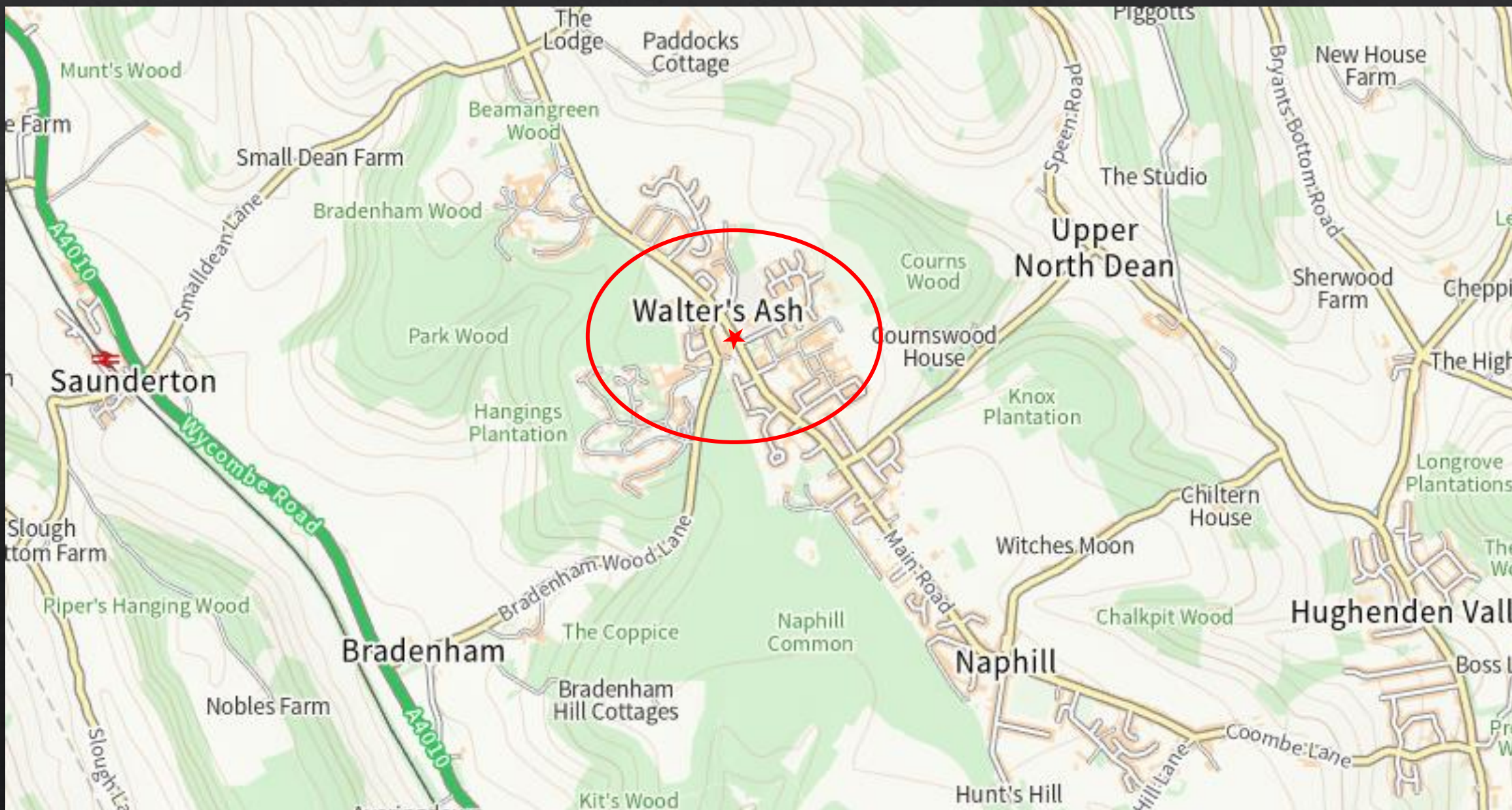
◆ **What's happened to date?**

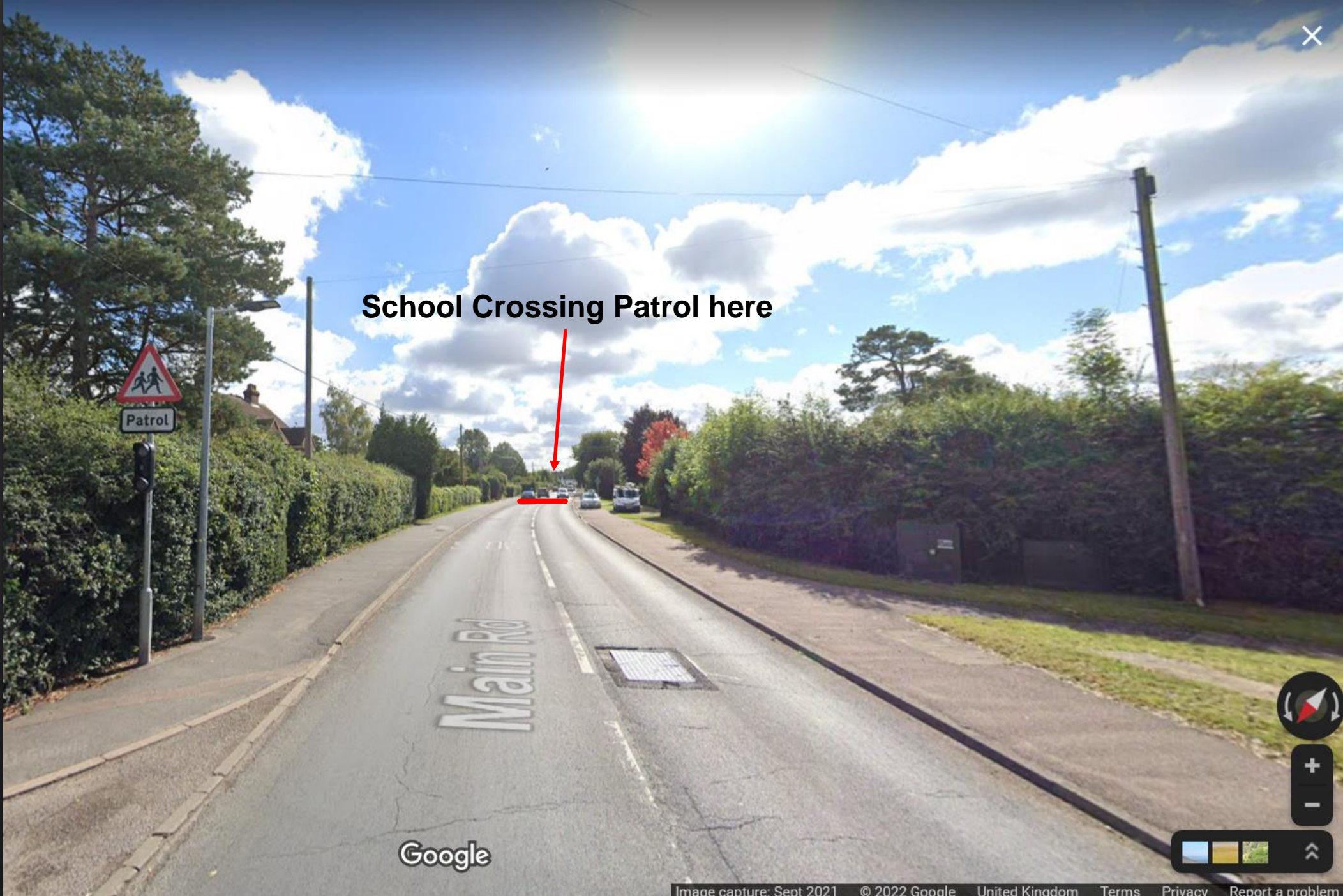
◆ **BC Officers: have written a report with recommendations**

◆ **Transport and Road Issues Action Group (TRIAG) have considered the petition and officer report**

◆ **Next steps are being recommended to the Community Board this evening**

Location:





School Crossing Patrol here

Google



Overview of recommendations to NWCCB

- ◇ **A well thought out, very clear Petition**
- ◇ **BC Officer's Report in response is fair and balanced**
- ◇ **TRIAG supports the Petition, the BC officers recommendations and has some actions to put forward.**

Key points:

- ◇ **8 short term actions – 1 key action already completed**
- ◇ **2 medium term actions – relating to funding and feasibility work**

Petitioner's Concerns:

◇ Road Safety:

- ◇ Traffic volumes and speeds on Main Road
- ◇ Traffic turning in/out of Kilnwood
- ◇ Traffic chaos at drop off/pick up times
- ◇ Many near misses

◇ Absent School Crossing Patroller (Oct 2021 to Jan 2022)

- ◇ No contingency plans for absences

◇ The Petition requests:

- ◇ A Zebra Crossing
- ◇ A Road Safety Audit and Assessment

Buckinghamshire Council Officer's Report:

- ◇ **At all times it is parent/carer's responsibility to get child to school**
- ◇ **A formal crossing? (e.g. Zebra crossing):**
 - ◇ Technical feasibility work needed, but currently not a core funding priority for BC
 - ◇ Therefore other funding required: e.g. developer contributions, Community Board funding
- ◇ **SC Patroller recruitment:**
 - ◇ Relief SC Patroller being recruited (now completed)
 - ◇ SC Patroller absences notified to parents by email via school
- ◇ **School to discuss developing a School Travel Plan with BC officers**
- ◇ **'Stop means Stop' banners now erected at the site**
- ◇ **BC's Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP):**
 - ◇ ePetition will be added to list of local aspirations

NWCCB Transport and Road Issues Action Group (TRIAG)

Its role in respect of this Petition:

- ◇ To consider the Petition and Officer's Report - this was carried on 4th July 2022
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6. Erect additional banners in more prominent locations prior to Sept.
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9. Third party funding should be investigated now (Clappins Lane development, RAF Naphill).
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