



North West Chilterns Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 27 July 2022

Time: 6.30 pm – please arrive 10 minutes earlier for registration

Venue: The Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough, HP27 0DP

BC Councillors:

M Walsh (Chairman), S Adoh, M Angell, S Broadbent, R Carington, D Carroll, C Etholen, G Hall, C Harriss, D Hayday, O Hayday, M Hussain, M Smith, A Turner and P Turner

Representatives of the following Town and Parish Councils:

Bledlow-cum-Saunderton, Bradenham, Downley, Ellesborough, Great and Little Hampden, Great and Little Kimble, Hughenden, Lacey Green, Longwick-cum-Ilmer, Piddington and Wheeler End, Princes Risborough, Radnage, Stokenchurch and West Wycombe

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Questions for the Chairman

If you have any questions, please email Jackie Binning on jackie.binning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or telephone 01296 585495 by Monday 25th July 2022. This will allow our Chairman, Matthew Walsh, time to prepare.

I look forward to seeing you at our Community Board meeting.

Item No	Item	Time	Page No
1	Chairman's Introduction	18:30	
2	Appointment of Vice Chairman	18:35	
3	Apologies for Absence		

4	Declarations of Interest		
5	Notes of the last meeting To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2022.		5 - 10
6	Visit Buckinghamshire An overview and update on the Marketing and Promotion 'Local' project. To be presented by Lucy Dowson.	18:40	
7	Action Groups (reports for each group included in the agenda pack) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities 2022/23: To approve priorities for this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Resilience ➤ Economic Regeneration ➤ Environmental & Climate Change ➤ Transport & Road Issues • To provide an update on the key activities of the action groups. <p>To be presented by the Chairman, Councillor Matthew Walsh.</p>	19:00	11 - 18
8	Community Board Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding applications – to provide an update on applications received and the 2022/23 budget (included in the agenda pack). • Small Grants procedure – to provide a summary of this new procedure (included in the agenda pack). • Community Board Action Plan 2022/23 – attached for information only (included in the agenda pack). <p>To be presented by Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager.</p>	19:10	19 - 42
9	Community Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Molins site, Haw Lane, Saunderton: to present the issues with HGV's transporting chalk and concrete demotion/excavation material from the site location - to be presented by Sharon Henson (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Vicki Smith. 	19:20	43 - 52

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition – Safety Crossing, Naphill: to present Buckinghamshire Council’s report to this petition (included in the agenda pack) and the Community Board’s response - to be presented by Jim Stevens. • Buckinghamshire Council Update: to be presented by Sophie Payne, Service Director, Culture, Sport and Leisure, Buckinghamshire Council (included in the agenda pack). • Question Time: to respond to questions received – to be presented by the Chairman. • For Information Purposes: Live countywide and local Consultations, go to Your Voice Bucks website Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space – to be presented by Jackie Binning. 		
10	Date of the next meeting 1 November 2022	20:00	

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North West Chilterns Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the North West Chilterns Community Board held on Thursday 10 February 2022 commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 7.26 pm.

Members present

Cllr G Hall, Cllr S Broadbent, Cllr R Carington, Cllr D Carroll, Cllr C Etholen, Cllr C Harriss, Cllr D Hayday, Cllr O Hayday, Cllr M Hussain, Cllr M Smith, Cllr A Turner, Cllr P Turner, Cllr M Walsh, Cllr J Cripps (Great and Little Kimble Parish Council), Cllr M Lazenby (Downley Parish Council), Cllr W Monroe-West (Downley Parish Council), Cllr J Rogers (Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council) and Cllr S Cope (West Wycombe Parish Council)

Others in attendance

J Binning, Inspector S Bobbett, Sgt N Davey, M Dias, C Dixon, K Ironside, S Payne, J Stevens, S Taylor

Members of the public in attendance

K Bacon, P Cannon (Chairman, Hughenden Valley Residents' Association), K Chu, C Courtney, C Hackling, R Hewitt, S Jones, J Marshall, E Merrilees and J Stafford

Agenda Item

1 The Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor Gary Hall, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Cathryn Davies, Lacey Green Parish Council and Hilda Stearn, Hughenden Residents' Association. Councillor Helen Holman and Councillor Debra Panikkar, Ellesborough PC sent their apologies after the meeting.

Note 1: Item 6, Transitions UK, was covered after items 7,8,9 and 10 due to one of the presenters being delayed.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Notes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2021 were **agreed** as an accurate record.

5 A Presentation from Thames Valley Police

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Stephen Bobbett and Sergeant Nathan Davey from Thames Valley Police (TVP). Inspector Bobbett explained that he was the Inspector for the Local Policing Area (LPA) for High Wycombe. However, the High Wycombe LPA was due to merge with the Chiltern and South Bucks LPA in mid-June and would provide extra resources. There would be one commander for the new LPA, Superintendent Emma Burroughs, and the deputy commander would remain as Chief Inspector Gassan Shaladan. PC Russ Hawkins had moved to the Force Rural Crime team and would still be based in Princes Risborough. PC Hawkins would be replaced in April by PC Jed Russell.

Sgt Davey provided a presentation, appended to the minutes and should be referred to for information on the data which covered the period 1 November 2021 to 31 January 2022. Sgt Davey highlighted the following points:

- A map showing the community board (CB) area.
- A table showing the number of each type of offence with 'concern for safety' being the highest at 45 followed by 'road traffic concerns' (35).
- Data on the day of the week offences were carried out and the number per month.
- Tables showing the number of offences broken down by street and location with the highest number recorded in Princes Risborough (300), followed by Downley (49).
- There was also a table which showed the breakdown of the time of day when offences took place (morning, afternoon, evening or night).
- Operation Signature – a fraud prevention advice package. Victims were contacted and provided with crime prevention support with the aim of reducing the number of repeat victims of crime.

The following key points were raised in discussion:

- Sgt Davey also advised that there would be a new police station situated within the fire station in Princes Risborough where the Neighbourhood Team would be based along with the Chepping Wye Neighbourhood Team. The teams would have access to the fire station facilities.
- It was noted that a British Transport Police (BTP) report rated Princes Risborough train station as fifth in Buckinghamshire for the number of crimes committed over a 12 month period. In response to whether there was an issue with crime around the station, Sgt Davey explained that TVP worked closely with BTP; police officers patrolled the area and would investigate if a crime was reported. However, Inspector Bobbett added that BTP had their own remit and managed incidents that happened on the train/platform side on the station e.g., fare evaders. TVP did not see much violence in the vicinity of the station.
- In response to a question on which type of crime was the most preventable and how board members could help; Sgt Davey stated that the type of crimes

changed regularly, but there was a big push to raise awareness to prevent burglaries in the LPA and advised that it would be helpful to be aware of what the CB felt was a priority as the Neighbourhood Team were happy to respond to requests. If there was a particular issue, let TVP know. Inspector Bobbett added that, leaving a light on, was a 'quick win' in preventing burglaries and not leaving valuables in vehicles was a remedy to reduce vehicle crime. Any assistance in getting these messages out into the community would be appreciated.

- Rosemary Hewitt queried whether the 25 offences in Hughenden Valley was actually the parish of Hughenden as it seemed high. Sgt Davey to check and advise Rosemary.

Action: Sgt Davey

- Sgt Davey was unable to provide the exact number of officers once the two LPAs were merged but explained that the response team would be doubled and there would be shared resources within the CID team. The Neighbourhood Team resources would remain the same but there would be the advantage of a larger pool of resources.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Bobbett and Sgt Davey for attending the meeting.

6 Transitions UK

The Chairman welcomed Karen Ironside, Partnership Director, and Charlie Dixon, Senior Project Manager. Karen explained that Transitions UK worked closely with young people and had a Care Leaver Project and also an extremely successful project, funded by the CB, called Aspire, which worked with young people who were at risk of exploitation and offending. The project funded work with 18 people; funding for four of the young people was provided by the North West Chilterns CB and funding was also provided by the High Wycombe, South West Chilterns and Aylesbury CBs. There had been approximately 75 referrals across 10 community boards for 20 spaces. All the spaces funded by the North West Chilterns CB, plus one, had been filled. The work was predominantly with under 18s who were no longer in formal education. Charlie added that the project provided young people the skills to be aware of grooming and exploitation and involved working with the Youth Offending Service, Family Support Services and the Metropolitan police. The young people, aged between 18-31, were from mixed backgrounds and were undertaking a variety of support e.g., traineeships, re-taking Maths and English qualifications, work experience, volunteering and recruitment skills. Transitions UK were waiting to hear if their bid to extend the project to support 40 places across the whole of Buckinghamshire had been successful.

The Chairman thanked Karen and Charlie for their work and wished them luck with growing the organisation.

Karen and Charlie thanked Jackie Binning for her support with the project and asked anyone interested in being involved to get in touch or if any businesses wanted to provide support – contact karen.ironside@transitionsuk.org and charlie.dixon@transitionsuk.org

7 **Petition - Warrendene Road**

The Chairman advised that a planning application had been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council (BC); however, the CB was unable to make any comment until the application had been through the process.

8 **Action Group Updates**

The Chairman stated that the action groups had been busy and briefly highlighted some of the work of each of the groups. There were no questions.

9 **Community Board Updates**

Funding applications – Jackie Binning, Community Board Co-ordinator, advised that funding applications had closed on 1 February 2022; organisations could still apply for funding but they would be considered from the 2022-23 budget. The budget was approximately £244,000 and the number of applications had exceeded the budget. The Board would need to make decisions and prioritise applications for this year, consider some for 2022/23 and possibly reject some. Jackie explained that she was still processing the applications and emphasised that the board members would be made aware of any proposals and asked for comments and votes in order to know the views of the board and to be able to prioritise accordingly.

A member of the board mentioned that the grant/funding had been reduced. The Chairman explained that BC provided the funding and last year had a different set of criteria to this coming year. BC had to make a balanced budget in challenging circumstances and a difficult decision, not formally agreed yet, had to be made. The Chairman hoped that all the applications would be programmed in over the next two or three years.

The North West Chilterns CB action plan - Jackie reminded the board members that the action plan was on the North West Chilterns website - [North West Chilterns Working Groups | Buckinghamshire Council](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page).

10 **Community Matters**

Public questions - No questions had been received.

Buckinghamshire Council Update - Sophie Payne, Service Director for Culture, Sport and Leisure, referred to the update paper in the agenda pack and highlighted the following points:

- Help was available for those struggling financially over the winter months and the update contained a link for those needing support - [Money problems - advice and support if you are struggling to make ends meet | Buckinghamshire Council](#).
- The update contained links to two consultations; the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) [consultation](#) has asked for residents to provide information to help the LGBC complete proposals for the new ward boundaries in Buckinghamshire. Following unitary, a public consultation was carried out to decide that there would be 98 councillors for Buckinghamshire

Council.

- Views had also been sought on the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire. Sophie encouraged members of the Community Board to promote the link [However, on checking the link after the meeting it was found that the consultation closed on 11 February 2022]. [The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire: Help us plan for the future - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)
- The plans for the Jubilee were progressing well and there were numerous ways in which residents could become involved. The Council had waived the charges for temporary street closures for street parties. There had been good take up to date on the tree planting scheme - <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/trees-and-hedges/tree-planting/>.

11 Date of the next meeting

21 July 2022

The Chairman thanked everyone for their work and contributions over the last couple of years.

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**North West Chilterns Community Board
Community Resilience Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 27th July 2022**

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 10th February 2022.

Priority Objectives: As a reminder the Action Group is combining the viewpoints of young and older people and crime and anti-social behaviour themes, looking across the broad range of ideas which will connect both boundaries. The group will focus on:

- Road safety around antisocial behaviour (this may at times link with the Transport and Road Issues Action Group).
- Drug issues within County lines, drug trafficking in rural and urban areas.
- Matters around exploitation, including domestic violence, modern slavery, young person's grooming, and school children used as drug runners or mules.
- Solutions around coms and scams.
- Matters around rural crime. Farms or small holdings having machinery or fuel stolen.
- Training and educating young people who are at risk of offending/reoffending.
- Issues around social isolation and loneliness.
- Issues for young children from deprived families.
- Any ad hoc funding application in relation to Community Resilience.

Action Group – works carried out: Meetings are held every two to three months, the last one was held on 14th April 2022. During this meeting, the group agreed a number of project initiatives they would like to pursue. Progress to date is as follows:

- **Projects around disability:** As confirmed during the last meeting, we had spoken to the Chiltern Society and discussed our proposals for walking in the countryside during the different seasons, which could be enjoyed by the young and older people especially those who suffer with loneliness or vulnerability. Unfortunately the Chiltern Society could not accommodate a project proposal but suggested we contact Lindengate

A meeting was held with Charlie Powell of Lindengate on 30th June. Charlie confirmed that she could assist but requested we make a site visit to see what Lindengate is all about and a project brief.

This meeting is yet to be arranged but we are mindful that we would only want the residents from the North West Chilterns to be involved. This is to be agreed.

If Lindengate cannot guarantee this, we are also thinking of contacting University of Third Age and the Woodland Trust.

- **Grow to Give:** As stated in the previous report, Orchard View Farm have agreed that the Community Board can have a piece of land to grow fruit and vegetables. As a reminder, this initiative is to grow food to give to families in hardship and food banks etc. and to sell some of the produce to put back in the land to make it sustainable. We have two interested gardeners (volunteers) who will hopefully lead on the project and looking for more volunteer gardeners to do a rota. We also have another possible interested gardener but we are waiting for a meeting.
- **Jim McKellar** from Orchard View Farm has agreed to put his pigs on the land to eat the overgrown vegetation around October time to allow it to be cultivated and for the areas to be cleared. In the meantime, we have created a list of equipment that we require and will be looking for donations from various organisations.
- **Projects around Knife crime:** This application is about young people from junior and secondary schools, producing four films which includes the process of script development, script writing, pre-production, (which involve casting who is going to act, crewing, filming, and editing). A current update is expected shortly.
- **Bench project:** The aim of this project is to celebrate the work of care workers during the Covid period. A meeting has taken place where possible locations and suppliers have been discussed.

Further work is to be carried out and it is hoped that additional information will be given during the next Community Board meeting in November 2022.

- **Horse Therapy:** The Chairman of this Action Group will be speaking to the Horses Trust in Speen regarding therapy for those individuals that require help and understanding where they will get involved in activities with horses to promote human physical and mental health.
- **North West Chilterns Community Board – Annual Event - Party in the Park:** A number of meetings have been held to formalise this event. The Princes Risborough Town Council have agreed to allow Wades Park to be used for this event free of charge to the Board.

The event will take place on 24th June 2023 where it is hoped that various community organisations (including our local Police and Fire and Rescue Teams) will attend. We would also like to invite local dance group (s)/singers, bands and food stalls to be part of this event (all to be agreed).

A task and finish group has been established, made up of Valerie McPherson (Chairman of the Action Group), Shade Adoh (Buckinghamshire Councillor), Josephine Biss (Princes Risborough Town Councillor) and Jackie Binning, to lead and move this forward.

We also would like for our Community Board Chairman (Matthew Walsh) to present the Proud of Bucks Awards agreed during 2022.

Chairman: Cllr Valerie McPherson BEM

North West Chilterns Community Board
Economic Regeneration Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 27th July 2022

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 10th February 2022.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group have updated their objectives which are as follows:

- To seek schemes and initiatives that support local businesses (urban and rural).
- To prioritise schemes and initiatives that help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.
- To consider any adhoc application in regards to Economic Regeneration.

Action Group: The group continue to meet regularly. Recent work and projects planned/discussed have included:

- **Risborough Area Community Bus:** This local bus has provided local services to Princes Risborough and the surrounding areas for over 10 years. It has provided much needed transport to the elderly particularly those without their own transport.

Prior to covid the passenger numbers were up to 2000 per month and brought much needed footfall and income to the town centre. Post covid restrictions passenger numbers have dropped by about 50%. The income to both the Bus and the Town Centre is considerable.

The Bus needs to attract new passengers and indeed a younger age profile to provide longevity to both the bus operation and town centre business viability. The Community Board awarded funding on 8th June 2022 to deliver a social media campaign over a three month period to attract younger passengers.

- **Visit Buckinghamshire (VB) – Marketing and Promoting “Local”:** Tourism is an important element of the economy which was particularly hard hit by the Covid pandemic. The impact was seen quickly and any recovery has been patchy.

The Community Board awarded funding to VB in December 2021 to deliver a project which aims to help the recovery and rebuilding of the local visitor economy. The project commenced in May 2022.

An event will be organised in September 2022 where local businesses will be invited to learn more about this project and to allow some networking between them.

- Continue to investigate other sources of data that evidence the needs of local business, organisations and individuals.
- **Broadband:** As well as specifically reviewing our Boards local needs, we have also linked up with the South West Chilterns and Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Boards, and Buckinghamshire Council (BC), to progress this important service . A meeting was held between all parties on 26th May 2022 to discuss the following programmes which will enable the ongoing enhancement of digital infrastructure in Buckinghamshire. (a brief description has been provided):

- **Bucks Rural Broadband project (Live programme):** This Defra funded programme aims to connect the most rural businesses from below superfast connectivity (<30mbps) to gigabit capable ($\geq 1,000$) broadband.
 - **Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (Live programme):** Central Government provides up to £1,500 for rural residents and up to £3,500 for rural businesses to gain gigabit-capable broadband. Residents/businesses can apply directly to Building Digital UK (BDUK) for these vouchers.
 - **Project Gigabit (New programme):** This programme targets properties that would have otherwise been left behind in broadband companies' rollout plans and prioritises those that currently have the slowest connections. Buckinghamshire is part of a regional group which also includes Hertfordshire and East Berkshire, known as 'Lot 26'. BC will work directly with the Government's delivery agency BDUK, and suppliers, over the coming months and years, to get the maximum investment for Buckinghamshire residents and businesses.
 - **Project Gigahub (New programme):** Over the next three years, up to £110m of government funding UK wide will be invested into connecting rural buildings with no existing or planned superfast broadband such as schools, GP surgeries, libraries, and other public buildings to bring new fibre right into the heart of communities for the first time. These buildings will then act as 'hubs', from which infrastructure can then connect surrounding homes and businesses. There is an opportunity for us to work with local partners to identify priority locations and suitable buildings for these hubs in Buckinghamshire.
- Research into other possible project opportunities.

Chairman: Cllr Matthew Walsh

North West Chilterns Community Board
Environmental and Climate Change Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 27 July 2022

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 10th February 2022.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group's priority objectives are to seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage. Additionally, the Action Group seeks to help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.

Action Group: The Action Group meets bi-monthly. Its agendas cover a mix of policy, strategic and fundraising related matters, many of which have been delegated to the group by the Community Board or raised by local councils, the public or by members of the group.

Recent work has included:

- Continuing to identify suitable locations with Town and Parish Council's for tree planting in streets and public spaces.
- Continuing to link in with Buckinghamshire Community Energy (BCE).
- Supporting Stokenchurch Scout and Guide HQ and the Princes Centre in their projects to install solar panels.
- Encouraging schemes looking at Wildflower planting in meadows and brownfield sites
- Continue to look at options to install Electric Vehicle charging points in public areas.
- Supporting joint community planning and community resilience through planned education programmes.
- Had a presentation from Beaconsfield Recycling Centre on the recycling of lithium batteries and promoted their templates and publications to promote awareness in this area.

Projects planned and actions going forward

- Liaising with the Chiltern Society on the restoration work of the Whiteleaf Cross and car park.
- Looking at potential joint project with Wycombe CB to implement Bee Squared.
- Will invite the chair of the Transport and Road Issues Action Group to a future meeting to look at a combined work on verge cutting and wildflower planting
- Continue work on preparation of Chiltern Society hedgerow project.
- BCE to present at the next meeting on a planned Public Awareness Energy Efficiency Campaign for the North West Chilterns.

Chairman: Cllr Robert Carington

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Community Board – North West Chilterns Transport and Road Issues Action Group Briefing Report for the Community Board – 27th July 2022

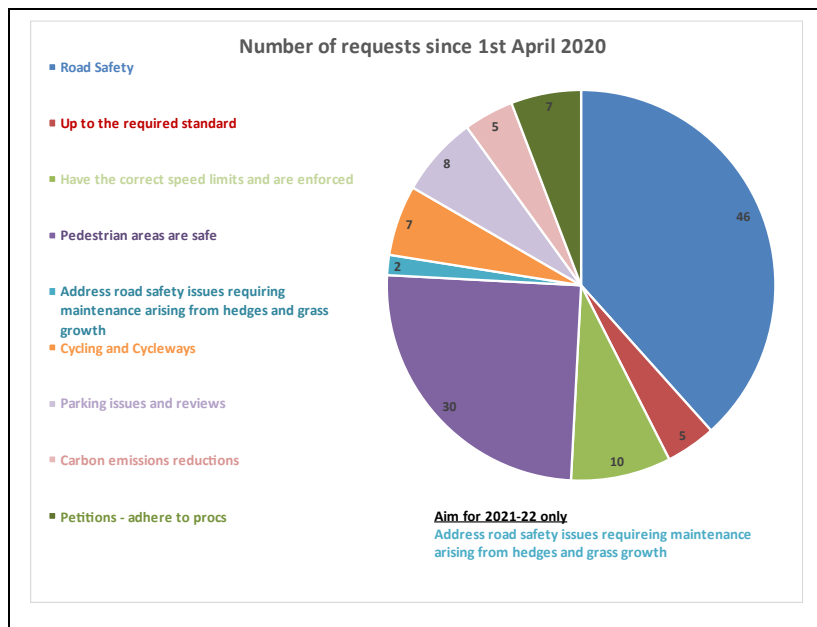
Purpose: This report provides a very brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting held on 10th February 2022.

Membership: The Action Group consists of local authority representatives and residents from right across the NWC area, thus enabling issues to be discussed with valuable local knowledge.

Meetings: The Group meets monthly. It's agendas cover local and policy related matters.

Priority Objectives: The pie chart shows the number of requests discussed since 01/04/2020.

New Priority Objective: The Group has recently added 'Reducing Car Dependency' as a new objective to guide its work.



A snapshot of recent work :

- Assessed 9 PIDs for traffic management measures in NWC, submitted by Parish Councils.
- Considered a 135 signature Petition relating to the school crossing in Main Road Naphill.
- Received a presentation on Community Rail Partnerships.
- Discussed sustainable transport access to Princes Risborough Rail Station.
- Held initial discussions with BC Transport Officers about 'reducing car dependency'.
- Discussed HS2 construction works impact in North Lee Lane, Terrick.
- Considered concerns with speeding issues in Lacey Green.
- Considered Community Speedwatch signage policy.
- Discussed an e-scooter extension to Downley and also to Princes Risborough Rail Station.

Actions going forward:

- Meet with Arriva representatives about bus idling engines.
- Consider a 'turn off your engine off when stationary'' initiative (potentially Stokenchurch).
- Meet with the national expert on disabilities accessibility policy and issues.
- Maintain the focus on the locally inspired A4010 Strategy.

Chairman: Jim Stevens

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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

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
				vouchers not available – as agreed last year.
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	635	Approved
Risborough Area Community Bus	Social Media Campaign	£1,013	£337	Approved
Stokenchurch Youth Group	Supply of 24 t-shirts	£214	£0	Approved
Lighthouse Princes Risborough	Children's Holiday Club	£39,935	£1,500	Approved
UK Astronomy	Bringing the skies to you (multi board)	£39,000	£1,015	Pending
Risborough Scout and Guide Centre Scout Hut	Asbestos removal	£10,788	£5,300	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.

Community Board Small Grants Scheme

The Small Grants Scheme provides grants of up to £1,000 to community and voluntary groups/organisations across Buckinghamshire especially those working at grass roots and local community level across a wide range of activities.

Grants are also available to £1,000 for emergency funding eg. flood recovery.

Application must be made to the relevant Community Board and funding used for the benefit of the community area concerned.

The aim of the Small Grants Scheme is to support a resilient voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in Buckinghamshire.

We welcome all voluntary and community groups to apply.

What type of funding can you apply for?

There's a huge variety of projects and activities that we will support, including (but are not limited to):

- equipment
- coaching or training activity
- project costs
- transport costs
- community events and activities

This could include small grants to ensure facilities and volunteers are able to operate safely and funding to support small groups and community projects to reopen.

All applications must provide evidence of 'not for profit' status, projects, and activities in relation to their application.

Applying for a grant

Applications can be submitted at any time. To apply for a grant, you must use our online application form which can be found here:

https://account.buckscc.gov.uk/service/Small_grants_application_form

Timescales

For emergency funding applications you will need to discuss the urgent nature of the application with the Community Board Manager before applying.

For all other applications we aim to process your application within three working days.

Criteria

Applicants seeking funding must satisfy the conditions set out in the Community Board Fund under 'who we support' [Apply for Community Board funding | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

If you do not meet these requirements (for example you are not a constituted group) we would still encourage you to get in touch to discuss your situation and project proposal to enable us to explore all options and support available.

Please note all applications are subject to the Council's [Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy](#)

On project completion you will be asked to provide copies of all receipts and invoices associated with your grant and complete an evaluation form.

Fund awarded may only be used for the purpose specified in the application, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the officers if there are any changes to the project.

Who we will support:

Typically, we award grants to:

- constituted voluntary-led organisations with charitable aims
- registered charities
- charitable incorporated organisations (CIO)
- social enterprises
- community interest companies (CIC)
- companies limited by guarantee that have charitable aims
- town and parish councils
- membership groups

We are unable to accept applications from groups that:

- have not returned monitoring forms for previous grants
- are subject to an investigation by the Charity Commission, the police, or any other organisation in a legal capacity
- fail due diligence or do not comply with Charity Commission guidelines i.e. we would not make grants to organisations that had related bank signatories, several related trustees, income well in excess of the threshold for charitable registration etc.

We are unable to fund:

- unspecified contributions to general fund-raising appeals or large projects
- for profit or commercial elements of charitable organisations
- non project costs e.g. general core costs and capital items for offices
- public bodies to carry out their statutory obligations
- direct replacement of statutory or public funding
- political activity or campaigning
- contingency funding

- fundraising activities
- sponsored events, multiple trophies, or prizes
- Individuals
- profit making or business ventures, including start-up costs
- activities that are primarily about the promotion of worship/ faith activities (faith organisations may apply for funding towards a project/activity that is open to the whole community and has wider social benefits)

We do not normally fund:

- national or regional charities, although we can support local branches of national charities if they are financially independent and locally managed
- salaries
- organisations whose free reserves include more than 12 months of running costs
- medical research and equipment
- organisations that do not have their own bank account (through prior agreement a group may nominate and authorise an organisation to hold the funding on their behalf)
- School PTA and Friends groups unless the project supports the wider community

What we will not fund:

- Year-on-year continuation funding
- Contribution to salaries (we can support sessional costs within a project)

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Community Board Small Grants Application Process

Turnaround timescales:

Non-emergency funding 3 working days; Emergency funding – on an individual basis

1. Applicant to discuss project with relevant Community Board Manager
2. Application made through on online form
3. Application received and due diligence checks completed by Funding Team
4. Funding team pass application to Community Board Manager for discussion with Chair and Vice-Chair and agree approval timescale
5. Community Board Manager shares application with Community Board for approval; majority response accepted
6. Community Board Manager confirmed approve/decline to funding team
7. Funding team send award letter sent and purchase order raised
8. Community Board Manager monitors project
9. Funding team issue evaluation form and collate supporting documentation

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North West Chilterns Community Board Action Plan 2022/23

Introduction

Community Boards are at the heart of the council's ambition to be a council that understands and responds to the needs of our communities – empowering and enabling them to come together with the council and the people, organisations and groups that have the skills and passion to make changes and improve things where they live.

Community Boards provide the opportunity to refocus, and reinvigorate how we all – the council, partners, residents, charities, businesses and community organisations – work together for the benefit of Buckinghamshire. We share the common goal to improve the lives of the people who live and work in Buckinghamshire and there's no doubt that we are stronger, better and more effective in doing that when doing it together.

The North West Chilterns Community Board covers the following town and parish areas:

- Bledlow-cum-Saunderton
- Bradenham
- Downley
- Ellesborough
- Great and Little Hampden
- Great and Little Kimble
- Hughenden
- Lacey Green
- Longwick-cum-Ilmer
- Piddington and Wheeler End
- Princes Risborough

- Radnage
- Stokenchurch
- West Wycombe

This action plan sets out how the North West Chilterns Community Board (NWCCB) will work with the local community to address community priorities and take action on local issues.

The NWCCB will address those matters that mean the most to our local community, using data and local intelligence to help it determine the priorities our board will focus on. We will involve residents, partners, local groups and organisations in understanding what the local issues and priorities are.

Furthermore, the board will link those local issues to our corporate priorities around improving the environment and supporting economic recovery, including activities around transport and road issues and community resilience, which for example, will look at ways it can support our young and older people and implement preventive measures around crime and antisocial behaviour.

These priorities will help us determine where we take action and allocate funding to improve the local area. An overview of each one is detailed in the section below.

The overall aims of the NWCCB are therefore:

- To develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues.
- To understand what is important to the community board area.
- To develop action groups to explore key areas of focus and identify how to take action as a community.
- To identify opportunities and projects that meet the community board priorities for funding.
- To promote the community board and the community board fund to the local community and encourage engagement.
- To support the council in delivering strategic priorities at a local level.

Community Board Priorities for 2022/23

Community Resilience: To support the community around physical, behavioural, social and environmental health and wellbeing, as well as crime and antisocial behaviour.

Economic Regeneration: To support businesses, organisations and individuals by evaluating their needs to improve economic competitiveness and prosperity.

Environmental and Climate Change: To seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage

Transport and Road Issues: To work on local issues and initiatives to improve road safety, cycling and walking. To address specific parking, speeding and highways issues and support broader objectives to help reduce carbon emissions from transport.

Community Board Action Plan - Tasks

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues				
Raise the profile of the Board locally and encourage active engagement from local residents and stakeholders.	Develop a communications and engagement plan.	31.08.22	Jackie Binning	Update 24.06.22: A South Team plan is currently being drafted.
	Continue to meet with community groups, town and parish councils.	2022/23	Jackie Binning	
	Engage with local publications to promote the work of the boards: i) Agree publications. ii) Agree publication timescales.	31.10.22 31.10.22	Jackie Binning	

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	iii) Create plan and engage accordingly.	2022/23	Jackie Binning	
	Continue with the newsletter to ensure local residents and community groups are aware of community board activity and how to get involved.	2022/23	Jackie Binning	Update 24.06.22: Next one due by 31.08.22.
	Continue to update the NWCCB page of the BC website (when appropriate).	2022/23	Jackie Binning	Update 24.06.22: Last updated on 30.05.22 – all information at present is current.
	Attend local engagement events to promote the board and encourage involvement and project ideas	Ongoing	Jackie Binning	Update 24.06.22: Those carried out / planned so far Board annual event – 11.06.22: Complete Stokenchurch Village Fete – 11.06.22: Complete Bucks County Show – 01.09.22 Kop Hil Climb – 25/26.09.22

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Agree the areas of focus for the NWCCB.	Identify the priority areas for each action group agreed.	27.07.22	CB Chair / Vice Chair and Chairs of Action Groups	Update 24.06.22: All groups agreed have agreed their priority areas. To finalise with the Board at the next CB meeting on 27.07.22
Priority: Community Resilience				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives / aims.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to hold action group and invite key community groups and residents. • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	30.04.22	Jackie Binning	Complete: 24.06.22 All Action Groups set up. Frequency every 4 to 6 weeks. Action plan created and regularly followed up
Agreed objectives:				
Road safety around antisocial behaviour (this may at times link with the Transport and Road Issues Action Group).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain data from Community Safety – act on where appropriate. • Continue to build relationship with Thames Valley Police. • Agree other solutions (if required) and support projects and initiatives that help address these objectives. 	31.03.23	Valerie McPherson	Update 19.07.22: Discussions had with Community Safety on producing a regular update. Oliver Brixey to attend an action group meeting on 12.09.22 to present the latest crime figures/data.
To consider drug issues within County lines, drug trafficking in rural and urban areas.				

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
To consider matters around exploitation, including domestic violence, modern slavery, young person's grooming, and school children used as drug runners or mules.	As above.			
To consider matters around rural crime.	As above.			
To evaluate solutions around cons and scams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to build relationship with Trading Standards and Thames Valley Police. • Agree other solutions (if required) and support projects and initiatives that help address this objective. 	31.03.23	Valerie McPherson	
To train and educate young people who are at risk of offending/reoffending.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree solutions and support projects and initiatives that help address this objective. 	31.03.23	Valerie McPherson	
To consider issues around social isolation and loneliness, dementia, disability and food poverty (detailed in our Public Health profile).	<p>Projects agreed – carried forward from 2021/22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergenerational Nature Walks • Grow to Give (food project) • Themed Bench project • Horse Therapy • Party in the Park (annual CB event on 24.06.23) <p>Some projects link with the above aims.</p>	31.03.23	Valerie McPherson	

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivered project: Virtual Dementia Bus Tour Experience. 	20.05.22	Jackie Binning	Update 24.06.22: Project delivered. Received very positive comments from those that attended.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider project around Autism. Feedback received from those who attended the Dementia Bus Tour said this would be helpful. 	31.12.22	Jackie Binning	
Support other local projects and initiatives that address our community resilience priority.	To consider local project ideas and funding applications to the board that help improve community resilience.	31.03.23	Valerie McPherson	See Budget spreadsheet for 2022/23 (Community Board Manager holds copy).
Priority: Economic Regeneration				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to hold action group and invite key community groups and residents. Agree the frequency of action group meetings. Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	30.04.22	Jackie Binning	Complete: 24.06.22 All Action Groups set up. Frequency every 4 to 6 weeks. Action plan created and regularly followed up

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Agreed objectives:				
<p>To seek schemes and initiatives that support local businesses (urban and rural).</p> <p>To prioritise schemes and initiatives that help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy</p>	<p>To monitor the following projects initiated during 2022-23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risborough Area Community Bus – Social Media Campaign. • Visit Bucks – Marketing and Promoting “Local” <p>Support all businesses that the group are made aware of to survive and prosper. Action to be agreed on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>Broadband - As well as specifically reviewing our own Board's needs, we will work with Buckinghamshire Council, Town and Parish Councils and organisations to define the areas where Broadband needs to be improved.</p>	<p>30.09.22</p> <p>31.10.22</p> <p>31.03.23</p> <p>31.03.23</p>	<p>Matthew Walsh</p> <p>Matthew Walsh</p> <p>Matthew Walsh</p>	
Support other local projects and initiatives that improve economic recovery and prosperity locally	To consider project ideas and funding applications that seek to support and address economic regeneration.	31.03.23	Matthew Walsh	See Budget spreadsheet for 2022/23 (Community Board Manager holds copy).
Priority: Environmental and Climate Change				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to hold action group and invite key community groups and residents. 	30.04.22	Jackie Binning	Complete: 24.06.22 All Action Groups set up.

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 			Frequency every 4 to 6 weeks. Action plan created and regularly followed up
Agreed objectives:				
To seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree the Bee Squared project, ready for Spring 2023. 	31.03.23	Jackie Binning	Update 24.06.22: Discussions had with the High Wycombe and Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Community Boards to deliver a joint project.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree next steps with the Chiltern Conservation Board concerning the proposed Hedgerow project. 	31.08.22	Matthew Walsh / Jackie Binning	
Support other local projects and initiatives that benefit, promote and address the environment and climate change.	To consider project ideas and funding applications that support/address environmental and climate change.	31.03.23	Robert Carington	See Budget spreadsheet for 2022/23 (Community Board Manager holds copy).

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
				Update 26.06.22: Work continues to find partner organisations to support the aims and objectives of this group.
	To continue to work with Buckinghamshire Community Energy (BCE) and any other organisation (where applicable) to promote environmental solutions and obtain potential funding applications.	31.03.23	Jackie Binning	Update 26.06.22: The group have linked up with the National Enterprise Partnership and will be contacting other organisations regarding various potential projects.
Priority: Transport and Road Issues				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to hold action group and invite key community groups and residents. • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	30.04.22	Jackie Binning	Complete: 24.06.22 All Action Groups set up. Frequency every 4 to 6 weeks. Action plan created and regularly followed up
Agreed objectives:				
Local schemes for next year 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Town and Parish Council's to submit applications for September 2022 deadline. 	30.09.22	Jackie Binning	

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review PIDs in January 2023 and agree projects the CB will fund next year. 	31.03.23		
<p>Initiate areas of focus around road safety, cycling, walking, reducing car dependency (new for 2022/23), highway issues and objectives to help reduce carbon emissions from transport. Review highways issues (ie parking and speeding) that are important to local people.</p> <p>All actions detailed below are linked to this aim.</p>	<p>To implement the draft A4010 Strategy. Agree with Buckinghamshire Council and link with Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP5) and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).</p>	31.03.23	Jim Stevens	<p>Update 24.06.22: Various meetings were had during 2021/22 with BC Directors and officers and local Councillors to promote the draft A4010 Strategy, and to recommend it be linked with LTP5 and the LCWIP. Progress to be monitored during 2022/23 as work is still ongoing by Buckinghamshire Council to complete the LTP5 and the LCWIP.</p>
	<p>To respond to adhoc highways concerns and complaints.</p>	31.03.23	Jim Stevens	<p>Ongoing – the groups Transport & Road Issues Overview Spreadsheet manages these (Community Board Manager holds copy)</p>

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	To agree a map of proposed new cycling routes and problem areas and submit to Transport Policy Officers.	31.08.22	Jim Stevens	Update 24.06.22: It was agreed during a Transport and Road Issues Action Group On 17.05.22 that further work and key routes needed to be defined, particularly with the imminent new housing developments (this is an opportunity to ensure the appropriate cyclepaths are included within these developments).
	To work with Chiltern Railways to improve rail links and rail services.	31.03.23	Jim Stevens	Update 24.06.22: Various meetings were had in 2021/22 between William Knighton (Chiltern Railways), the Chairman of the Transport & Road Issues Action Group and local BC Councillors. The last meeting was held on 15.06.22 concerning our latest initiative around reducing car

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
				dependency. Meetings will continue in 2022/23.
	<p>To reduce car dependency and promote sustainable alternatives where feasible – (new objective for 2022/23).</p> <p>To work with BC officers and other third parties on this initiative.</p>	31.03.23	Jim Stevens	<p>Update 19.07.22: Meetings to discuss have been had as follows: <u>Chiltern Rail</u> on 15.06.22 (as detailed above) <u>BC – Bus Services</u> on 07.06.22 with the Passenger Transport Manager and Passenger Transport Lead Officer <u>BC – Policy</u> on 07.06.22 with the Transport Strategy Manager and Transport Strategy Officer. Action notes created for all meetings which will be followed through to completion.</p>

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
To promote cycling and cycleways.	When cycle routes agreed, promote through various comms channels.	31.03.23	Jim Stevens	
To review issues relating to HS2	To review HS2 funding applications Tranche 2 – agree those that meet the HS2 funding criteria and review those that don't and consider board funding.	31.03.23	Jim Stevens	
	To respond to adhoc HS2 complaints.	31.03.23	Jim Stevens	Update 24.06.22: One complaint carried forward from 2022/23 – ongoing.
To manage petitions received by the NWCCB.	To ensure the correct procedures are followed for petitions submitted to the board.	31.03.23	Jackie Binning	
Adhoc funding applications.	To consider any application in regards to transport and road issues.	31.03.23	Jim Stevens	See Budget spreadsheet for 2022/23 (Community Board Manager holds copy).
Work Planning				
To progress the Community Board schedule.	Develop a schedule for Community Board meetings.	29.04.22	Jackie Binning	Complete – 29.04.22
	27.07.22 – develop a meeting agenda.	19.07.22	Jackie Binning	Complete – 19.07.22
	01.11.22 – develop a meeting agenda.	October 2022	Jackie Binning / Chairman / Vice Chairman	

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	07.02.23 – develop a meeting agenda	January 2023	Jackie Binning / Chairman / Vice Chairman	
	Schedule monthly meetings with Chairman, Vice Chairman and Service Director.	20.05.22	Jackie Binning	Complete – 20.05.22
	Schedule meetings with Chairman, Vice Chairman and Action Group Leads.	08.07.22	Jackie Binning	Complete – 08.07.22
	Track and monitor action group tasks and projects.	31.03.23	Jackie Binning	Ongoing

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Report to the North West Chilterns Community Board

Date:	30/05/2022
Title:	Petition Report: Pedestrian Crossing at Naphill and Walters Ash School
Ward(s) affected:	Ridgeway East
Author:	Amanda Hayes, Schools' Sustainable Travel Lead Officer.
Recommendations:	That the Community Board consider the petition, note this report, and determine whether it wishes to further investigate the introduction of a pedestrian crossing at Naphill and Walters Ash School.

1. Summary

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire Council have received an ePetition requesting installation *"of a safe crossing for children and families travelling to Naphill and Walter's Ash school. To prevent unnecessary harm, both to the school community and wider community, by taking effective measures to address the risk of serious accident or fatality on Main Road, Walters Ash."*
- 1.2 The ePetition notes that there is a crossing patroller site on Main Road but that there are times when the patroller is not present referring to a period between October 2021 to January 2022 when the role was vacant. The ePetition continues to explain that since January 2022 when a new crossing patroller took up post, there were times when the patroller was not present, and the Council had no contingency in place. The e-petition states that in *"these circumstances, it should be imperative for local leaders to consult on the subject of a Zebra Crossing in this location as a priority. There should be a Road Safety Audit and assessment undertaken in accordance with HD 19/-15 as a matter of urgency."*
- 1.3 The ePetition ran from 03/02/2022 to 03/03/2022 and has now finished. 135 people signed this ePetition. This response sets out the considerations made by Buckinghamshire Council in preparing its recommendation.

2. Background information

Formal Crossing Point

- 2.1 Prior to determining the need for a formal crossing point, the first step would be to complete an assessment to establish the need for the crossing per se. This assessment would be based on demand to cross, speed and number of vehicles (as a way of assessing the conflict between vehicles and pedestrians), as well as considering other factors.
- 2.2 Unfortunately, there is currently no funding available for investigating or implementing an improved crossing on Main Road at the requested location.
- 2.3 The request has been noted by relevant officers who will consider the scheme for future funding opportunities within the area, such as developer contributions.
- 2.4 Buckinghamshire Council is keen to improve cycling and walking routes across the county and will be producing a Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This will enable the Council to establish a comprehensive (high level) future walking and cycling network across the Council area and identify future investment priorities for new and improved walking and cycling infrastructure. The ePetition request will be added to the local aspirations to be considered through the LCWIP work.

Travel to School

- 2.5 The Council is in the process of recruiting for a relief patroller to cover sites in the Naphill and Walters Ash, and Hughenden area. It should be noted that the present patroller has had 1 ½ days off since January 2022, namely 26th January and half day 5th April. The patroller has requested Special Leave on 20th May, 7th June and 13th June. The school is notified in advance of all absences and parents are emailed by the school to ensure that they take extra care whilst crossing without assistance.
- 2.6 At all times it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that their child gets to school. A patroller's role is to assist by stopping the traffic in order for them to cross.
- 2.7 The Council has requested the school contact our School Travel Plan Advisor who can help the school to implement a School Travel Plan including pedestrian safety initiatives.
- 2.8 In addition to the school warning flasher units and school patrol signs either side of the patrol site, the Council has positioned banners on surrounding lampposts to help raise awareness and prominence of the patrol site to motorists and other road users, even on the occasions when there is no patroller present.

3. Next steps and review

- 3.1 It is recommended that the North West Chiltern Community Board note this report and steps that officers are proposing to take.
- 3.2 If the Community Board wishes to fund a crossing for Main Road (as per the ePetition) then the Board may like to consider allocating local funding (if deemed to be a local priority) for the following:
- An initial survey / assessment to establish the need for a formal crossing point.
 - A feasibility study to establish the most appropriate crossing facility for the location and to identify a cost estimate for the scheme. This would help to support any potential future funding bids / requests.
 - Funding delivery of a crossing.
- 3.3 It is recommended that the school develops a School Travel Plan (including consideration of pedestrian safety initiatives). The Council's School Travel Plan Advisor can support the school with this.

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An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council Summer (July to September 2022)

Support for Ukrainian guests continues across the county – further help is still needed

Over the last few months there has been an outpouring of support for our Ukrainian guests from our communities, alongside the work that we at the council are doing. We now have over 1,100 Ukrainian guests with more than 600 still expected to arrive.

The community boards have been central to our efforts and have achieved so much across the county. Highlights include:

- More than 60 people gathering at a local pub to welcome and make new friends and share stories.
- Working with the community to put together welcome packs including food parcels, toiletries, vouchers from supermarkets and cafes, free eye test, donated gifts, clothing, toys, tech equipment, and SIM cards.
- Coffee mornings with talks covering a wide range of subjects including trauma, fraud, banking and life in the local area.
- Weekly lunch sessions where professionals help support both the host families and Ukrainian friends with various issues.
- Helping to secure funding for Ukrainian professionals – so far funding has been secured for a doctor and an accountant to take the relevant exams to practise here in Buckinghamshire.
- English classes.
- A social event led by a group of Ukrainian guests to celebrate summer solstice.
- A weekly yoga class led by one of the Ukrainian guests.

There's a dedicated area on our website for anyone who would like to know more about how they can help/get involved – check out [‘Helping Hand for Ukraine’](#)

Support with food, bills and finances – Helping Hand and Holiday Activity Fund

As we approach the summer holidays, this is a timely reminder that we have support available for families and individuals in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

Our Helping Hand team can help if you – or someone you know:

- are struggling to afford food

- cannot keep on top of your bills
- are in debt
- are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home.

Find out more about our Helping Hand team and how they can [support with food, bills and finances](#). Our #backontrack scheme offers practical advice and support for people experiencing money difficulties: [Money problems - advice and support if you are struggling to make ends meet | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Using the Government Household Support Fund, the Helping Hand team will be providing £50 Digital Food Vouchers to eligible children and young people to support families over the summer holidays. These vouchers will be distributed through schools in July.

We also have our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Further information can be found at [HAF information for families | Family Information Service \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Waste and recycling missed bins and garden waste charges

1 Missed bins

Unfortunately in some pockets of the former Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe district areas of Buckinghamshire the recent change of bin collection days caused greater than anticipated disruption. This was due to both residents and crews getting used to the new bin collection days.

Following a difficult few weeks, an [open letter of apology was issued from Cllr Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council](#) and additional measures put in place.

By the end of day on Tuesday 5 July, Veolia were due to have picked up any remaining missed collections, and from this point on, the overwhelming majority of missed collections reported should be collected the following day (as per business as usual arrangements).

Background (if needed)

September 2020: Veolia took over the waste contract for the former Chiltern and Wycombe district areas (previously held by Serco).

November 2021: Veolia took over the waste contract for the former South Bucks district area (previously held by Biffa).

May 2022: Buckinghamshire Council and waste contractor, Veolia, made some vital improvements to bin collection rounds in the former Chiltern, Wycombe and South Bucks district areas. The round reorganisation, which was implemented from Monday 9 May 2022, was contractually required and agreed by Buckinghamshire Council and Veolia to ensure an efficient

collection service operates in the south of the county. The new rounds undertake a 'zonal' approach to collections which keep collection vehicles closer together on collection days and introduce a more balanced and deliverable resource profile across all waste streams. The new approach allows for greater efficiencies, as roads which breach previous district boundaries can now be collected on the same day by the same crew.

2 Garden waste charges (for boards in the Wycombe area)

In view of the disruption experienced by the round reorganisation, the start of the new garden waste subscription arrangements has been moved back to Monday 26 September.

From that date we will offer a single chargeable 'opt-in' garden waste collection service, at a cost of £50 per bin per year (or reusable bags for properties not suitable for wheeled bins).

This means anyone who has previously received free collections of garden waste will now have to subscribe, paying an annual fee to continue receiving fortnightly kerbside garden waste collections from the council.

Our household recycling sites continue to provide free disposal of garden waste for anyone not wanting to pay for the subscription service.

Find out more regarding the [garden waste changes](#).

More information on how the service works can be found at [Buckinghamshire Council's Arrange a garden waste collection pages](#).

Community boards will be at the county show on 1 September

The Bucks County Show is happening on Thursday 1 September at Weedon Park on the outskirts of Aylesbury for the first time since 2019, before the lockdown.

This action-packed one-day event includes a whole range of summer activities for all the family, from the traditional livestock competitions, horse of the year show and showjumping, freestyle motorcycle display, to the gentler arts of home and garden skills.

Buckinghamshire Council will be having one big combined stand highlighting that we are one unified organisation supporting residents in so many different aspects of their lives.

Of course the community boards are central to that support. The managers are working together to plan the community board stall that will raise their profile, show some of the many successful projects carried out and encourage people to get involved with their communities through the boards. There will also be fun activities for the younger visitors!

Update on the £150 council tax energy rebate

Over 80% of the £150 council tax rebates to help offset rising fuel costs have been paid to eligible households. There is also an additional discretionary £25 Helping Hand top-up which Buckinghamshire Council is paying to householders who are on specific benefits.

Anyone who pays their council tax by direct debit should have received their rebate automatically. Anyone who pays by another method is required to claim their rebate – details can be found at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/council-tax/150-council-tax-energy-rebate/how-to-claim-the-council-tax-energy-rebate/>

Claimants have until August 2022 to supply their bank details enabling the council to pay directly into their bank account. There is funding available for all eligible properties.

From Monday 1 August householders will not be able to supply their details and all those households that have not claimed will receive a £150 voucher instead, which can be cashed at any post office.

Bucks Online Directory

A reminder that the Bucks Online Directory is a great place to publicise any community events, support groups, activities and services to local people. And please do share the link with anyone who may benefit from the information provided:

[Find activities, groups and services near you | Bucks Online Directory | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Current and upcoming consultations

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

A reminder that current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

Where appropriate, we also list NHS consultations and surveys as well.

Here are current and upcoming consultations that are relevant to specific community boards:

Buckingham & Villages (meeting 6 July)

- [Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) consultation 2022 - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#) (closes 11 July)
- [Winslow and Steeple Claydon PSPO](#) (closes 11 July)
- [Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) consultation 2022 - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#) (closes 25 July) (*Buckingham & Villages is the only relevant board that is meeting before the closing date*)

High Wycombe (meeting 13 July)

- Bellfield Road (High Wycombe) reserved matters consultation (due to launch 11 July)

Missendens (meeting 14 July)

- [Land off Amersham Road Development Brief](#) (closes 18 July)

Winslow & Villages (meeting 28 July)

- [Winslow Neighbourhood Plan](#) (closes 11 Aug)
- Drayton Parslow Neighbourhood Plan (due to launch 14 July)
- Mursley Neighbourhood Plan (due to launch 4 Aug)

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