



South West Chilterns Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the South West Chilterns Community Board held on Wednesday 8 February 2023 in Princess Day Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End, SL8 5EX, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.30 pm.

BC Councillors present

D Barnes (Chairman), P Drayton, C Heap, S Kayani, N Marshall (Vice-Chairman), Z Mohammed, M Turner and S Wilson

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

Kath Acres (Little Marlow Parish Council), Mike Appleyard, Tim Bingham, Mike Balbior, Mike Sercfon, Sue Wagner, Miriam Blazey, Ian Blazey and Andy Cobden (Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council)

Others in attendance

M Devlin and Shilpa Manek (Buckinghamshire Council), Bill Murray (Dementia Action Marlow), Richard Parker (The Marlow Society), Trevor Fanfield (Marlow Energy Group), Jeph Bansu (Relatable Role Models), Donald Browne and Fern Anderson (Coop Community Charities), The Hady Rydar Memorial Garden, Philip Pitcher and Olwen Elliott (Resident), Stuart Grosse and Joanne Cook (Bucks Fire and Rescue Service) and Aleksandra Turner (EA to Joy Morrissey MP).

Agenda Item

1 The Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor Dominic Barnes, welcomed everyone for attending the first face to face meeting. The Chairman explained the slight issue of the venue for the meeting but thanked everyone for attending to hear about all the work being carried out by the action groups, share their views and ask questions.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Johncock, Jocelyn Towns and Alex Hollingsworth (Buckinghamshire Council), Dr Penny MacDonald (Marlow Medical Group), Geoff Pegg (Wooburn Green and Bourne End Neighbourhood Watch), Paul Bolton (Making Marlow Dementia Friendly), Nahida Latif (Red Kite Housing), Anna Ditta (Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service) and Richard Scott (Marlow Town Council).

3 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4 Notes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2022 were **agreed** as an accurate record.

5 Presentation from Thames Valley Police

Sergeant Oliver Brixey, Marlow NHPT, Princess Risborough NHPT, Chepping Valley NHPT, provided a presentation, appended to the minutes. The Sergeant informed the community of all of the areas that were covered by the Neighbourhood Policing Team which included fraud prevention, safeguarding, school talks, knife crime and serious violence, burglaries, anti-social behaviour, rural crime, violence against women and girls, licenced premises, night-time economy, social media and communication. The four priorities as agreed by the community were highlighted as being Anti-social behaviour, Speeding and Anti-social driving, Burglary and Rural Crime. Sergeant Brixey went through some statistics for the priorities, for the Marlow area but informed the community that this information could be found for any area on the Police.UK website (<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area>).

The following points were raised at the meeting:

- Crime Solving Rates – how many crimes were being solved and were these rates reported anywhere. The Sergeant informed all that there was a six-month backlog so any figures reported would be out of date as soon as published and therefore would be incorrect.
- Rural Crime – there had been 14 break-ins in the past week indicating an increase in organised crime. Anyone reporting the crimes were not hearing back from the police and finding it very frustrating. Sergeant Brixey commented that increasing visibility was being investigated and an operation would be running over the weekend. Anyone that reported a crime was kept updated on changes, it was difficult to disclose information whilst cases were under investigation.
- Fraud – How could action fraud be reported and stopped. Sergeant Brixey reported that fraud was not recorded by Thames Valley Police, it was recorded nationally. There was a specific team, the Fraud Unit, in place that dealt with scams and fraud, including overseas fraud.
- Communication – It was suggested that Councillors, Parish Councils and Town Councils be used to disseminate information to the community as the channels were already in place. Thames Valley Police were looking to improving the ways for alerting the community. A quarterly newsletter for Parishes, Town Councils and Councillors was being designed. The Neighbourhood Watch team was going to assist with TV alerts.
- Parking Enforcement – when residents contact the police, they are informed that they need to contact the Council. Residents wanted to know who to contact. Sergeant Brixey commented that the Council were responsible for parking regulations and the police were responsible for dangerous situations caused by parking. The Chairman informed the Community Board that since this was a repeat offense, he had escalated to the Police Commissioner.

- Nitrogen Oxide Cannisters – There were specific hotspots in the area, could these be patrolled, and fines issued to repeat offenders? Sergeant Brixey informed all that patrols had been directed to the risk areas.
- Reporting – Was there a database where incidents from the area were recorded and residents could see these? Sergeant Brixey reported that minor incidents were not recorded but major, serious incidents that were being investigated were recorded. There was an online reporting tool for residents to use on the Thames Valley Police website (<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime>)
- Priorities – It was interesting to see the priorities of TVP, had the community been involved in setting the priorities of the area? Sergeant Brixey commented that the TVP priorities had been set from the ‘have your say’ comments. There had been a recent merger of two local police areas, so the priorities were now being reviewed.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Brixey for attending and providing a presentation and asked residents to submit any further questions to Makyla Devlin (Community Board Co-ordinator) on email Makyla.Devlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

6 Presentation from Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS)

Group Commander Stuart Grosse, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, gave a presentation, appended to the minutes.

Group Commander Stuart Grosse made the following points in the presentation:

- Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority made up of five councillors from Milton Keynes and twelve from Buckinghamshire. The Chair of the Fire Authority is Simon Rouse and the Chief Fire Officer is Jason Thelwell.
- The four community safety priorities were Safer Homes, Safer Neighbourhoods, Safer Roads and Safer Environment.
- The two service delivery areas were High Wycombe and Beaconsfield, both of which are wholetime stations.
- The majority of the finances for the service are from council tax and the remainder from business rates and revenue support grant and other specific grants.
- The summer pressures included the highest temperatures and dry weather declaring two major incidents at Kiddi Caru Nursery in Milton Keynes and the other at Whitehouse Farm in Wooburn Green, High Wycombe.
- Future issues that may be a concern included HS2, climate change, development within Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes and the Fire Reform White Paper.

The points discussed at the meeting included comments on planning applications and the Fire and Rescue Service were sent applications to comment on, especially to

ensure there were sufficient water hydrants and space for emergency vehicles. Members of the community board asked about how the Fire and Rescue Service was funded and they were informed that they were funded by the Council, and this was from council tax. The safety around rivers was discussed and Group Commander Stuart Grosse explained that they were proactive around swimming areas offering advice and educated people but did not look after the riverbanks.

Councillor Wilson personally thanked the Fire and Rescue Service for assisting so successfully with the field fire over the summer, which was handled so professionally and effectively.

The Chairman thanked Group Commander Stuart Grosse for attending and providing a very informative presentation.

7 Buckinghamshire Libraries

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

8 Community Engagement from a Board's Perspective

Councillor Carol Heap, Chairman of SWCCB Community Engagement Action Group introduced the Community Board Manager, Makyla Devlin and commented on all the hard work and efforts that she made with the community groups. Makyla informed all that there was a total of sixteen community boards, and she was lead for the area. There were weekly drop-ins at both Marlow and Bourne End libraries. Her role was to engage with the community groups through their local events by listening, generating projects and making connections. Makyla was in the process of developing a Facebook page and newsletter for the Community Board. The next two events were Autism Day on Saturday 18 March at Longridge Activity Centre, Longridge, Marlow and the Community Engagement event on 22 April 2023 at Higginson Park, Marlow.

During 2022, the Southwest Chiltern Community Board had funded 13 community projects with two more in the process and three highways' schemes had been identified for funding. Of the 2022/2023 budget of £122,528, there was a current underspend of £1802. There were four active action groups, Community Engagement, Economic Development and Regeneration, Environment and Climate Change and Highways and Transport.

A Funding Summary Report was tabled, which listed some of the current applications, appended to the minutes. A short presentation was given for a recently funded walled sensory garden, which had benefitted so many children and young adults.

Other points raised by residents included:

- There seemed to be a lack of engagement with the public, especially for major events. There had been engagement with the Parish/Town Councils, but further communication would be improved for the future. The Chairman suggested that residents took part in the action groups.

- The Community Board were informed that project applications could be submitted at any time. If applications, up to £15000, were thorough and had been completed correctly, the turnaround was about four weeks. For smaller applications of up to £1000, these would be a lot quicker to approve. It was fine to have an application from an organisation that had applied before, just not for the same project.

9 Community Matters

The item on Buckinghamshire Council update had been included in the agenda pack but was not presented at the meeting.

Funding Update

The Community Board Fund for 2022/23 was £122,258. The amount spent to date, as of 31/01/2023 was £70,674 and a further £50,052 had been allocated for potential projects to date (31/01/2023). The remaining amount was £1802. The Chairman reminded all that further applications could still be made.

Proud of Bucks Awards

The Community were reminded to submit their nominations for the Proud of Bucks Award. Nominations for young people in the community would be welcomed and great to receive.

No public questions had been received.

10 Date of the next meetings

The Community Engagement event was on 22 April 2023 at Higginson Park, Marlow and the next Board meeting would be on 12 July 2023.

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South West Chilterns Community Board Meeting

Chairman Cllr Dominic Barnes

8 February 2023

Bourne End Library



Agenda

Chairman's Welcome

Apologies for absence

Declarations of Interest

Notes of Last Meeting

Presentation – Thames Valley Police update – Sgt Oliver Brixey

Presentation – Buckinghamshire Fire Service update – GC Stuart Grosse

Presentation – Buckinghamshire Council Library Service – Chris Hurley

Community Engagement from a Boards perspective – Cllr Carol Heap

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Community Matters:

Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Update – Service Director Steve Bambrick

Funding update – Cllr Dominic Barnes

Proud of Bucks – Cllr Dominic Barnes

Public questions received in advance – to be presented by the Chairman

Any Other Business

Date of the next meetings – Community Engagement event, Higginson Park, Marlow –
Saturday 22 April – 1300h – 1600h



Thames Valley Police update

Sergeant Oliver Brixey
Thames Valley Police



Community Board Meeting February 2023

Sergeant Oliver Brixey
(Marlow NHPT, Princes Risborough NHPT, Chepping Valley NHPT)

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Violence Against People (VAP), Theft, Burglary &
Rural Crime Statistics in Q4 of 2022 (01/10/2022-31/12/2022)

Marlow (GF Marlow & GF Marlow South West Rural)

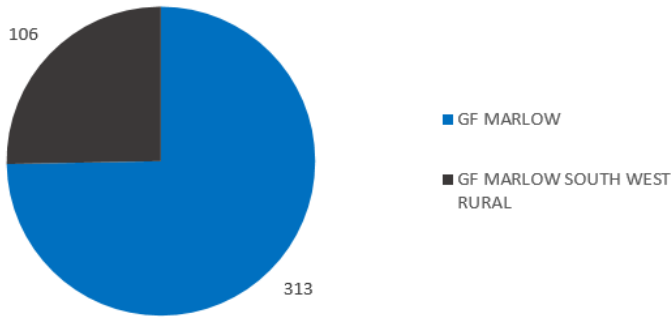
- OP Signature – Fraud prevention and safeguarding
- Schools – Safeguarding, School talks, investigations
- Knife Crime & Serious Violence – Safeguarding visits, disruption, Op Sceptre week of action
- Burglaries – Patrols, Cocooning, crime prevention and target hardening
- Vulnerable Adults – safeguarding, working with partner agencies,
- Young People – prevention of CDE, CSE, Safeguarding, Partnership work.
- Anti-Social Behaviour – investigation, prevention, mediation, Neighbourhood Disputes, Operations
- Traffic Offences (Speeding, Parking, Anti-social driving) – warning letters, enforcement (tickets)
- Rural Crime – Farm assessments, crime prevention, investigations, Operations
- Violence Against Woman and Girls – Prevention, Safeguarding, Hot Spot patrols
- Attending Community Events
- Community Engagement and Hi Visibility patrols.
- Licensed Premises – Licensing checks, training around
- Night Time Economy
- Hotel Watch
- Social Media and Communication

Priorities as agreed by the Community

- 1 - Anti-Social Behaviour
- 2 - Speeding and Anti-Social Driving
- 3 - Burglary
- 4 - Rural Crime

Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action 23rd – 29th January 2023

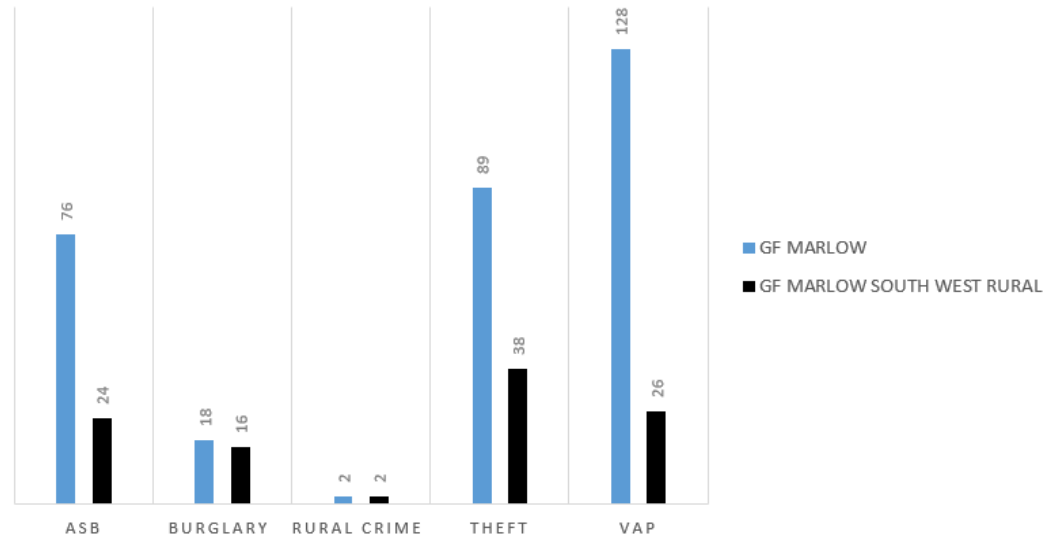
Q4 OCCURRENCES IN MARLOW



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The highest proportion of occurrences in GF Marlow were VAP occurrences, whereas in SW Rural, the highest proportion of occurrences were Theft.

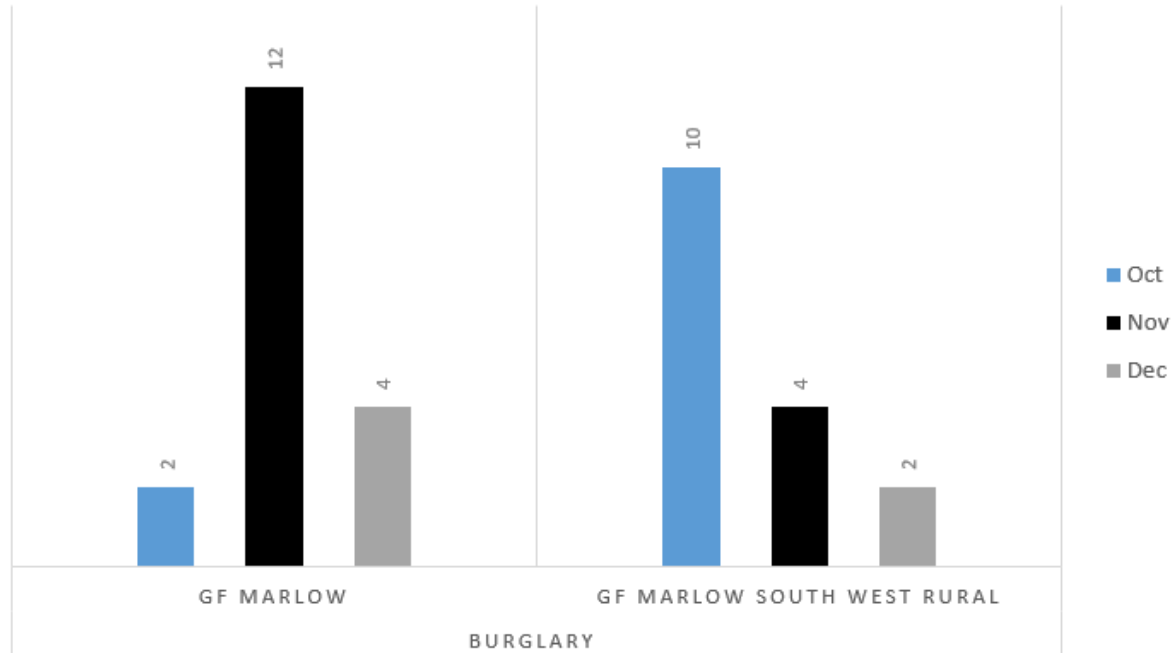
Of the 319 occurrences in Marlow in Q4 of 2022, 313 occurred in GF Marlow, with the remaining 106 occurrences occurring in GF Marlow (SW Rural).



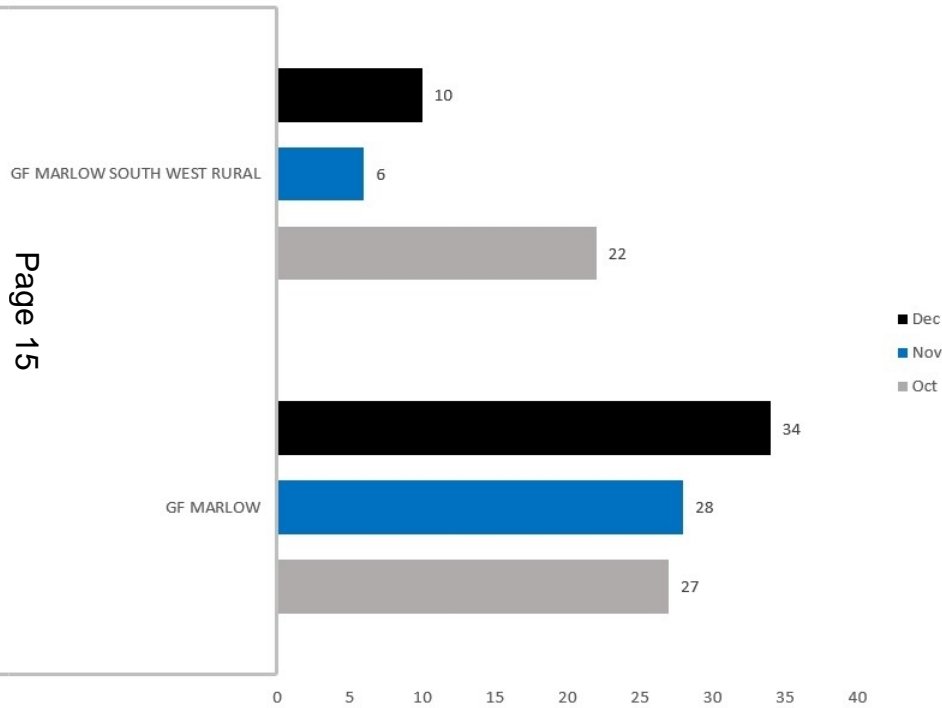
In GF Marlow SW Rural, Burglary decreased significantly between October (10 burglaries), and December (2 burglaries).

In GF Marlow, a significant increase in burglary occurrences is observable. Only 2 burglaries occurred in Marlow in October 2022, which increased to 12 in November. Occurrences subsequently decreased to 4 in December.

Massive increase in January 2023
Marlow – 21 offences
Marlow South West Rural – 5 offences



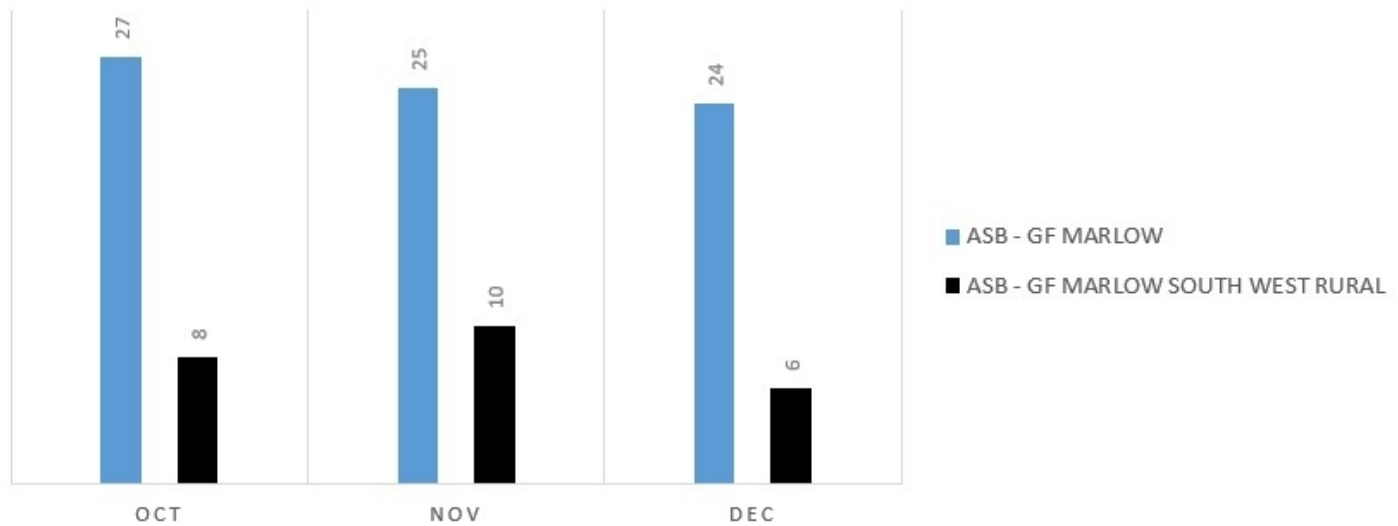
THEFT Q4 2022



Theft occurrences decreased between October (22) – December (10) in Marlow South West Rural. In Marlow, they increased, from 27 to 34.



ASB - MARLOW - Q4 2022

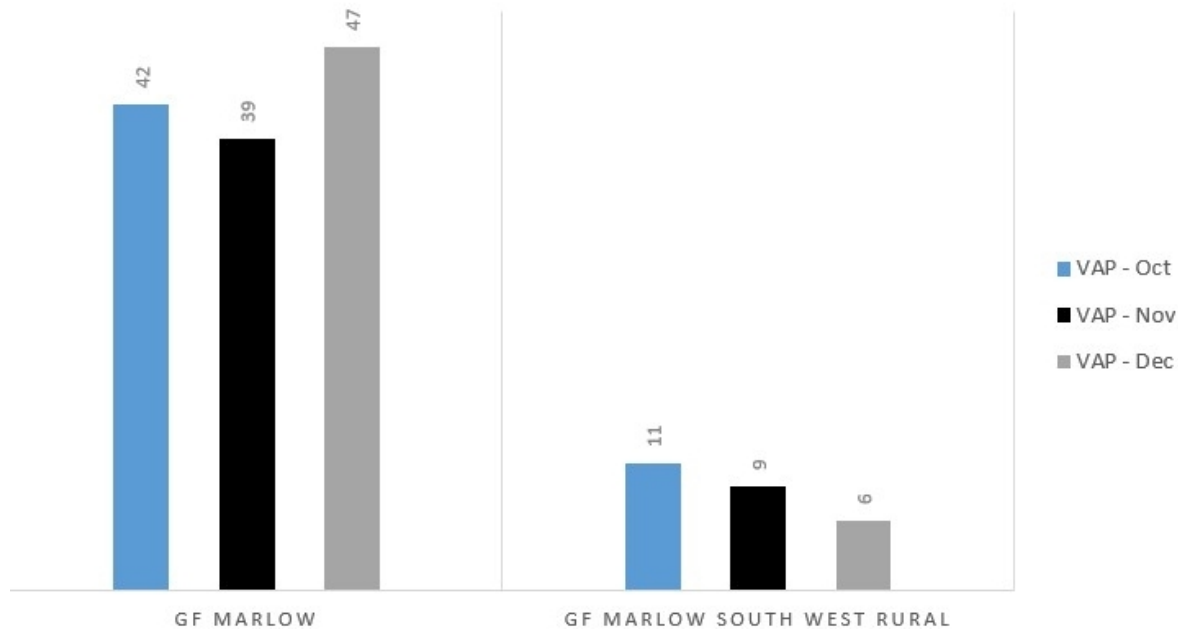


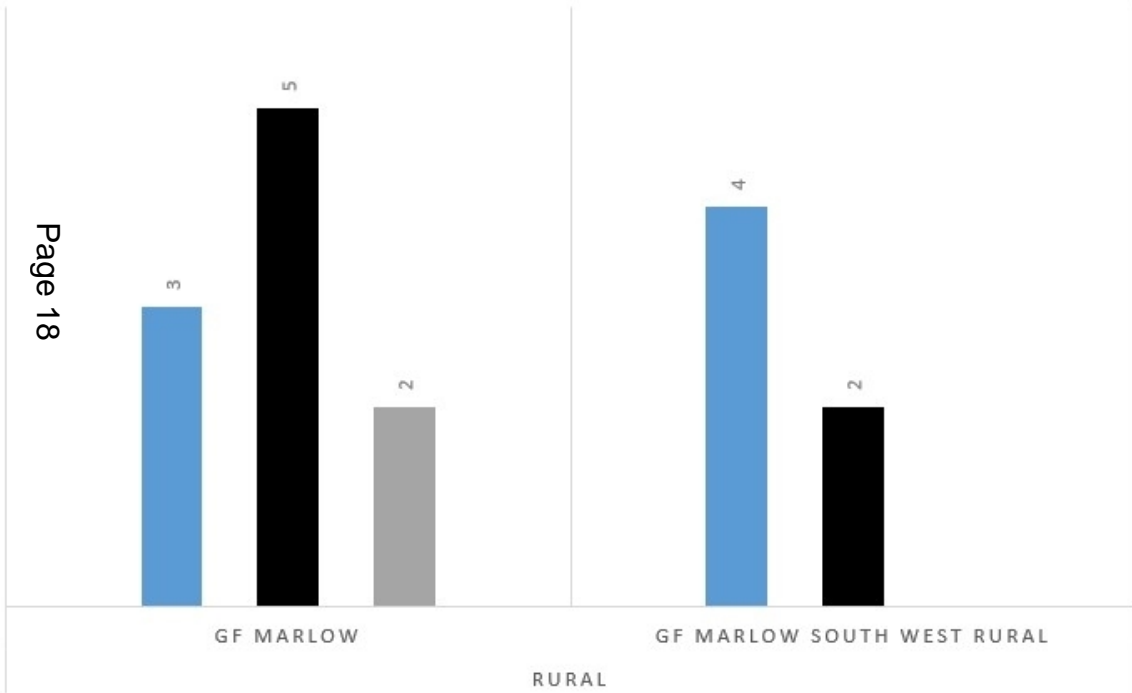
ASB occurrences remained relatively consistent from October-December 2022



VAP occurrences were significantly higher in GF Marlow than SW Rural, and a marginal increase from 42 to 47 occurred in Marlow between October and December.

VAP OCCURRENCES Q4 2022





■ Oct
■ Nov
■ Dec

Relatively consistent levels of Rural crime were reported across Marlow and SW Rural Marlow throughout Q4, with the exception of December, in which 0 Rural crimes were reported in SW Rural Marlow.

Questions

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Buckinghamshire
Fire & Rescue Service



Fire & Rescue Service updates

South West Chilterns Community
Board

Agenda

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

01 Our organisation

02 Community safety initiatives

03 Summer pressures 2022

04 New challenges



Our organisation



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



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How is the Authority made up

- 5 councillors from Milton Keynes council
- 12 councillors from Buckinghamshire Council
- 11 conservative, 3 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrat



Simon Rouse
Chair of the Fire Authority



Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service

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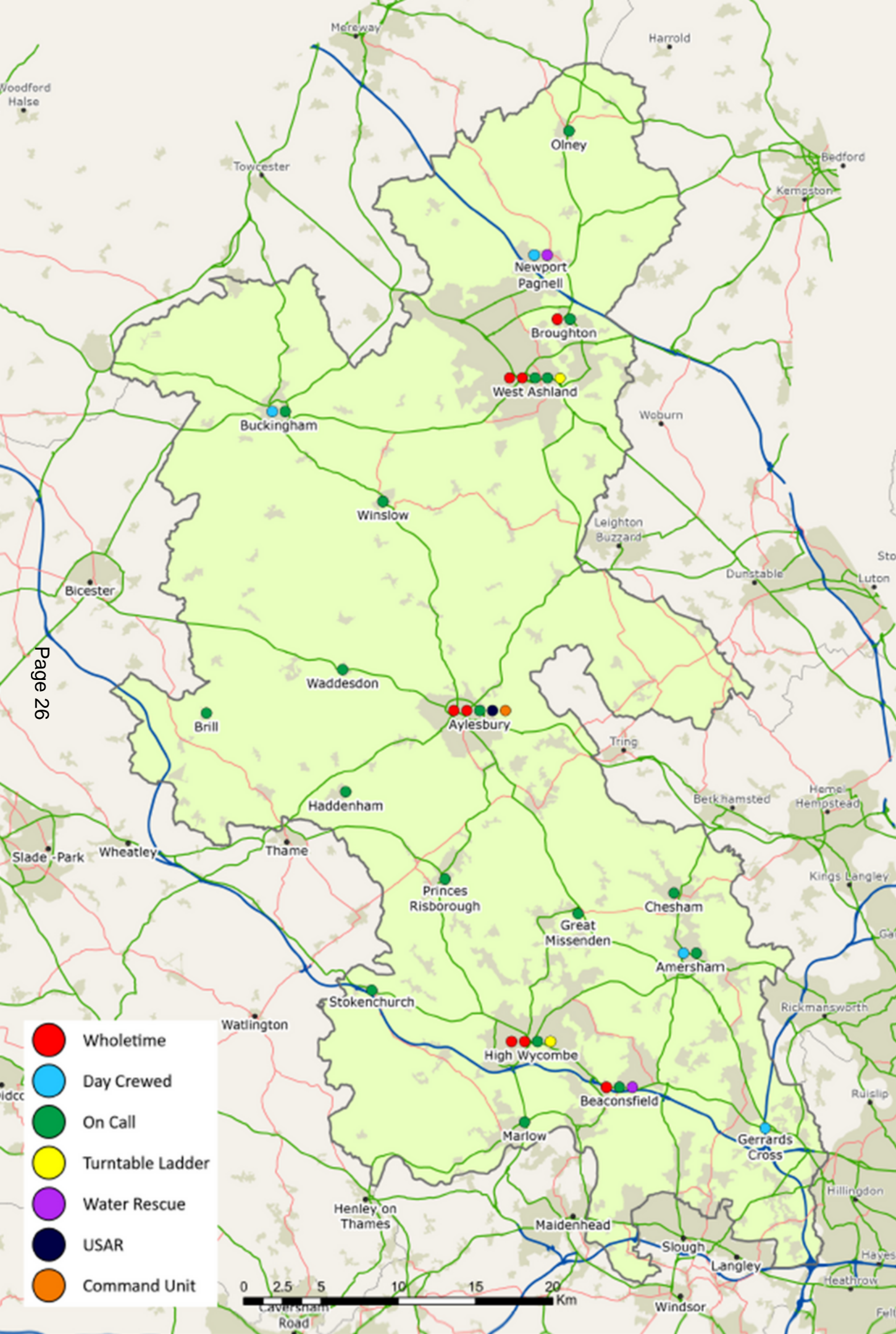
Our people

- 300 Wholetime (full time) Operational staff
- 96 On-Call (part time contracted) Operational staff
- 126 support staff



Jason Thelwell
Chief Fire Officer



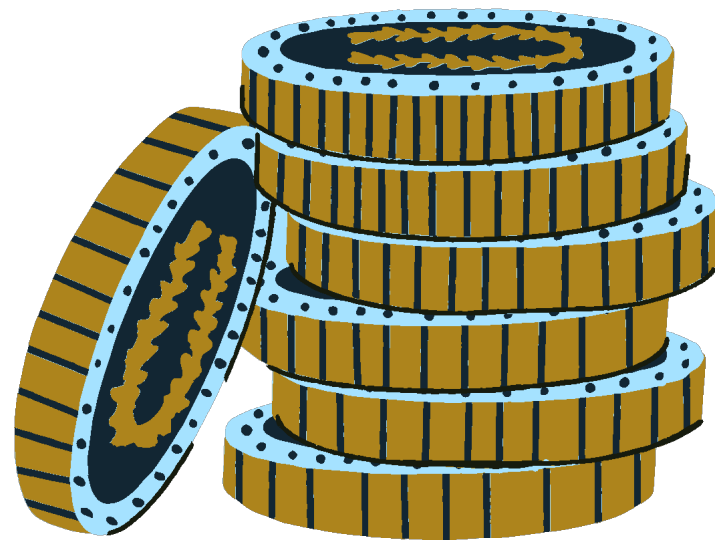


Our Fire Stations

- 9 Wholetime stations, 7 of which have On-Call units
- 10 stand alone On-Call stations
- 30 Fire Appliances
- 10 specialist appliances
- 5 Urban Search and Rescue Modules



Our finances



SOURCE	£ M
Business Rates and Revenue support Grant	£9,389
Specific Grants	£1,110
Council Tax	£22,981
Total	£33,480 Million



Community safety initiatives



Our vision

To ensure Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes are the safest places in England in which to live, work and travel.



OUR FOUR COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES



SAFER HOMES



SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS



SAFER ROADS



SAFER ENVIROMENT

The community safety priorities under pin, what we call internally, our Prevention Strategy which has been rewritten for 2022.



Beaconsfield Service Delivery Area



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Better Understanding the Local Community, Risk and Incident Trends

This document is designed to assist all staff to understand the local community and environment within Beaconsfield Service Delivery Area. This report includes information about demographics, the built environment and fire service specific risks within Beaconsfield Service Delivery Area.

This document is an introduction into the local demands and challenges which are specific to Beaconsfield Service Delivery Area and should be a building block to inform the development of Beaconsfield station plans and activities.

Service delivery areas

Community Prevention is divided into Service Delivery Areas with a wholetime station at its core

South West Chilterns Community Board areas are included in the Beaconsfield and the **High Wycombe Service** delivery areas

- Wholetime Station- Beaconsfield & High Wycombe Fire Stations
- Station Commanders Adam Moore, Andrew Holtzhausen
- On-Call Station-Marlow Fire Station
- Station Commander Paul Henderson (On-Call Station Commander)



Beaconsfield and High Wycombe service delivery area

Community safety priorities

Safer Homes

Reduction in accidental dwelling fires and fire safety in the home

Outlying village Reach out

Electrical safety



Safer Environments

Unattended bonfires

Reduction in Deliberate fires

Reduction in secondary

Water Safety



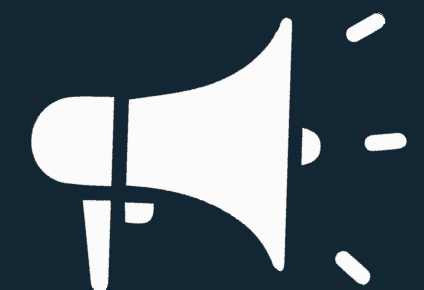
Road safety



Safer Neighbourhoods

Blue Light day

Community engagement



Summer pressures 2022

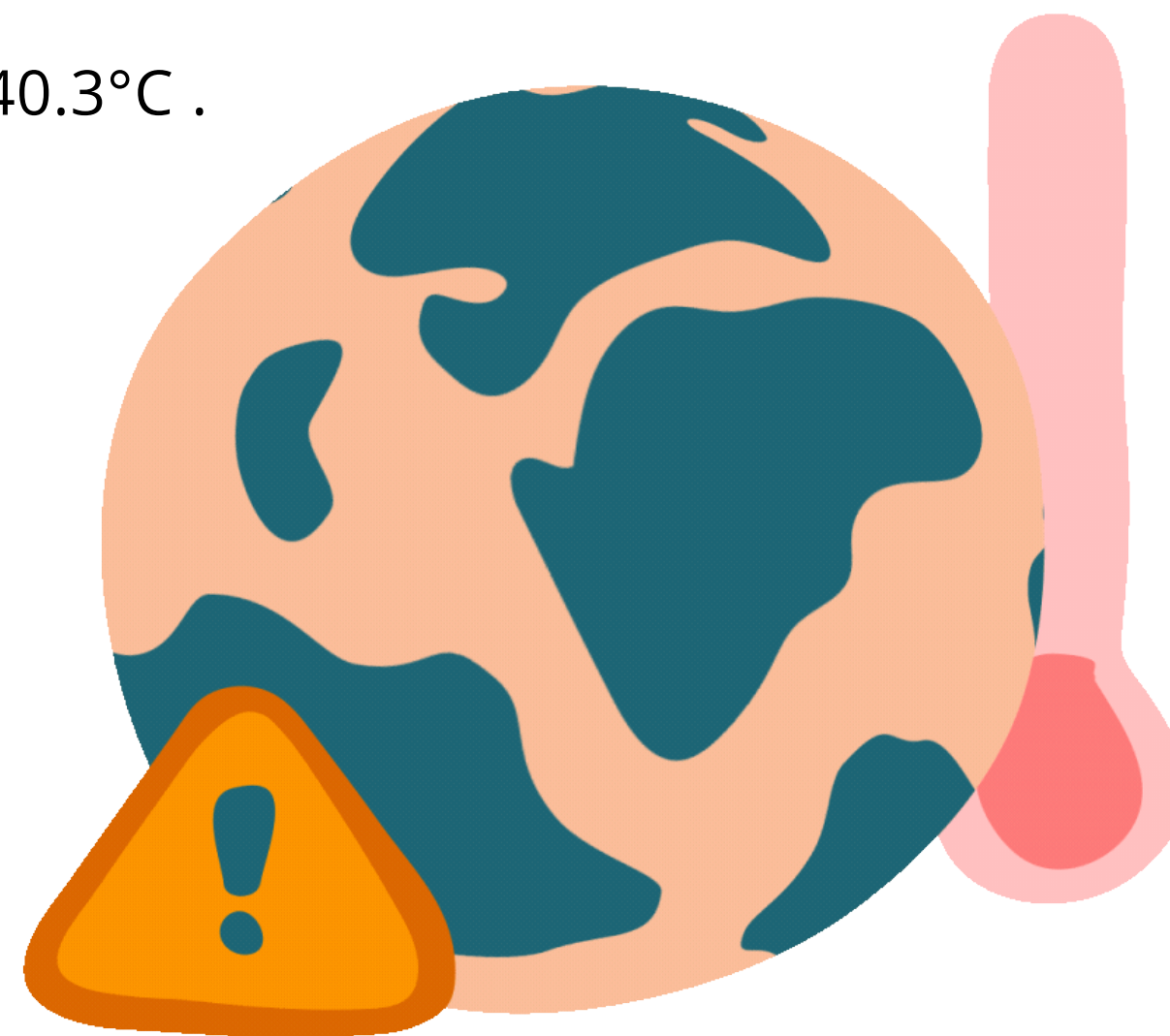


Record temperatures

The months of July (16 - 19) and August (9 - 15) 2022, brought record high temperatures and dry weather that presented many challenges for Fire and Rescue Services (FRSs) and other emergency responders across the country.

The Met office issued its first red warning for heat affecting central and south England, which was in place for 18 & 19 July.

On the 19 July the UK recorded its highest ever temperature of 40.3°C .



Major Incidents declared

By Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue

On Tuesday 19 July two major incidents were declared, one in the north of the county at 13:05

- Kiddi Caru Nursey Walnut Tree Milton Keynes

One in the south of the county at 14:37. Whitehouse Farm,

- Wooburn Moor, High Wycombe

In the following three hours, BFRS supported by neighbouring FRS's were also mobilised to large scale, protracted incidents at Chearsley, Buckland and Denham resulting in resources being exceptionally stretched.



Service Wide Major Incident

Servicing five major fires across our area, two of which were declared major incidents from the scene of operations, triggering the declaration of a Service wide major incident, supported by the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum (TV LRF).

BFRS were ably assisted by many of our neighbouring Services including Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Royal Berkshire, Hertfordshire and a specialist water carrier from Dorset and Wiltshire, despite them all being under operational pressures themselves.



**MAJOR
INCIDENT**

Calls taken by Thames Valley Fire Control Service (only) for incidents in Bucks

Major incidents were declared by fifteen FRSs across the country including neighbouring services in London, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, as a result of the devastating outbreak of fires.

The Service attended an unprecedented number of calls, including many fires in the open / wildfires.

BFRS has debriefed, reviewed and collated the information from this period to improve our service delivery and staff welfare at future events.

DATE	Prev five-year average	2022	Increase %
16-Jul	48	180	%
17-Jul	48	78	64%
18-Jul	64	85	34%
19-Jul	41	220	439%
09-Aug	45	108	139%
10-Aug	40	75	89%
11-Aug	49	108	121%
12-Aug	44	157	258%
13-Aug	50	106	111%
14-Aug	45	96	115%
15-Aug	41	84	105%



New Challenges



Horizon scanning

- HS2 – the second longest tunnel in the UK will be beneath the Chiltern Hills
- Climate change-hotter summers, wetter winters
- Development within Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes
- Fire Reform White Paper





QUESTIONS





Community Engagement from a Boards perspective

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Cllr Carol Heap

Chairman of SWCCB Community Engagement
action group

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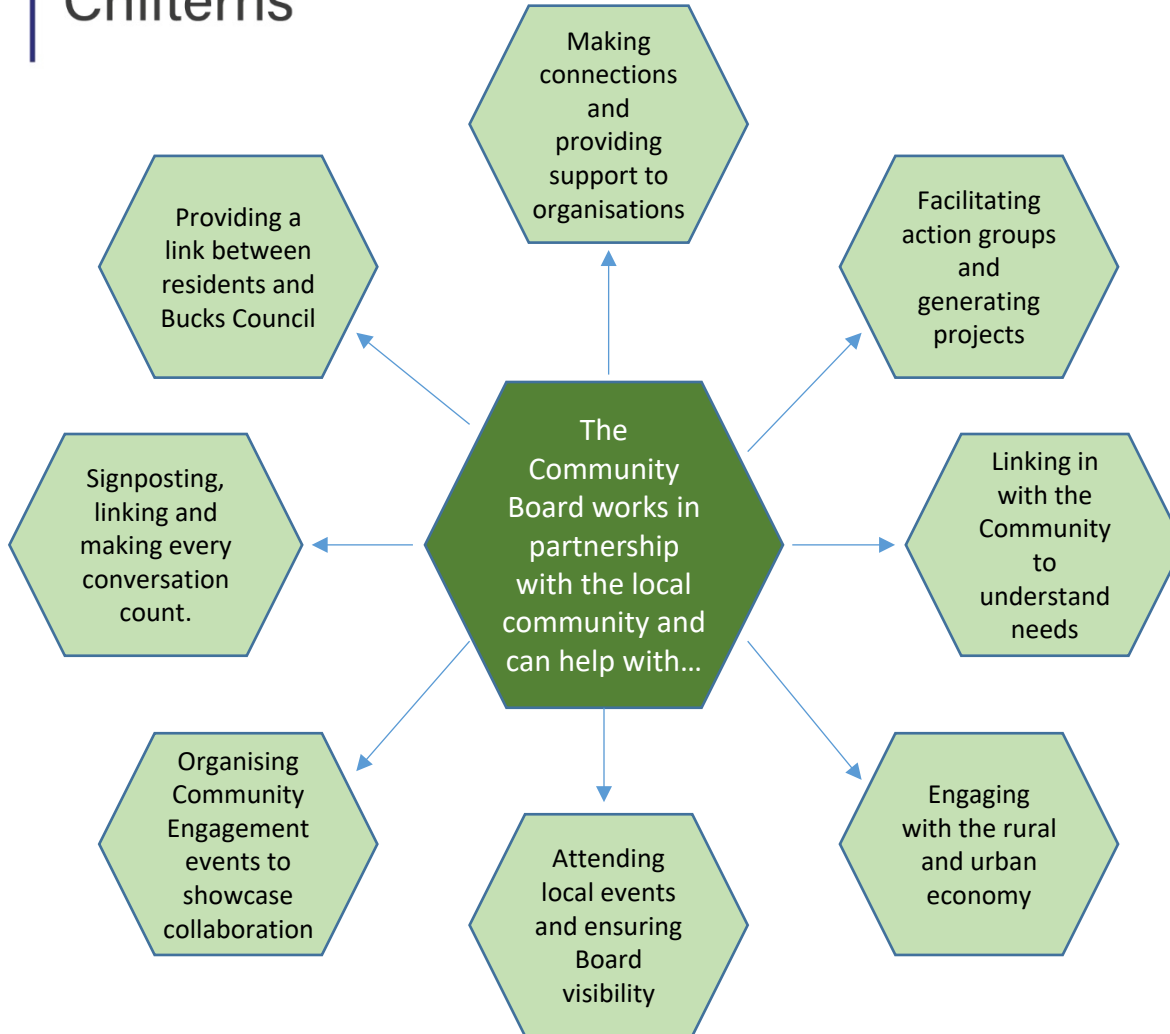


Community Board South West Chilterns

- The Community Board Manager links in with the local community groups and locations on a weekly basis
- Looking to hold weekly drop-ins at both Marlow and Bourne End Libraries
- Engaging with community groups through their localised events
- Developing the Community Board Facebook page
- Working towards the creation of a Board newsletter
- During 2022, South West Chiltern Community Board has funded 13 community projects with 2 more in the pipeline and 3 highways schemes have been identified for funding
- 2022/2023 budget was £122,528 of which there is a current underspend of £1,802
- There are 4 active and engaging action groups, Community Engagement, Economic Development and Regeneration, Environment and Climate Change and Highways and Transport.



Community Board South West Chilterns





Community Board

South West Chilterns

Community Board Funding applications received 2022/2023

Organisation	Project title and description	CB funding recommendation
Marlow Energy Group	Thermal Image Camera Project	Approved (enhanced camera from previous application)
Longridge Activity Centre	Bell Boat Project	Approved
Chiltern Conservation	Farmer Cluster hedgerow project	Approved
Action4Youth	Breakout Project	Approved
Bourne End Junior Sports Club	Replacement lighting for Sports Hall	Approved
Lighthouse Marlow	Summer Club	Approved
Bonkers for the Planet	Sustainable Me Phase 2	Approved
SWCCB project	Interactive Dementia Experience	Approved
The Community Church Wooburn Green	The Secret Place Recording studio – Relatable Role Models	Approved
Dementia Action Marlow	Singing Therapy	Approved
Wycombe Mind	Hoarding Project	Approved
Lady Ryder Memorial Garden Parmoor	New Teaching Space	Approved
Autism Awareness Day	Interactive Experience and activities at Longridge (CB generated project)	Waiting Member approval
Potential Schemes subject to internal due diligence		
Marlow Church of England School	Solar Panels	Internal due diligence process
Lane End Youth and Community Centre	Provision of games and activities	Amending application
Highways Schemes		
Transition Town Marlow	Parking Scheme Wethered Road, Marlow	
Wooburn Green feasibility study		
Upper Hedsor Road	Traffic Calming	



Community Matters

Buckinghamshire Council Corporate update – Service Director Steve Bambrick

Funding Update – Chairman Cllr Dominic Barnes

Proud of Bucks Awards – Makyla Devlin

Public Questions – received in advance – Chairman Cllr Dominic Barnes.



Community
Boards

Funding Summary Report South West Chilterns Community Board 8 February 2023

This paper provides a summary of the funding applications received, considered or in the pipeline for your information

Community Board Budget Overview

The table below details the current budget position for the South West Chilterns Community Board.

Community Board Fund 22/23	Spend to date (31/01/2023)	Allocated or potential projects to date (31/01/2023)	Remaining budget as of (31/01/2023)
£122,528	£70,674	£50,052	£1,802



- Proud of Bucks is back!
- Sponsored and supported once again by The Clare Foundation
- Nominate local people for their outstanding community contributions during 2022
- Nominations to open on 9th January 2023 until 12th February
- Awards to be presented at our Community Event on April 22 in Higginson Park, Marlow
- Get your thinking caps on now for 'Community Champion' nominees in Adult, Young Person and Group categories.
- To date, 12 nominations have been received for SWC although none currently for the Young Person category.



Categories – 1 winner and 1 highly commended per category

- **Local Community Champion** - For an individual (over age 21) who has made a clear and positive impact in their local community during 2022.
- **Young Community Champion** - For a young person (under age 21) who has made a clear and positive impact in their local community or towards their peers during 2022.
- **Community Group Contribution** - Recognises and celebrates a group in the community board area who has made a clear and positive impact on the community during 2022.



South West Chilterns - we need your help!

Help us say thank you to volunteers and groups that have made a difference for our community in 2022.

Do you know an adult, young person or community group who deserves to be celebrated for going above and beyond in our local area?

Nominate them today for one of our Proud of Bucks Community Awards:

- ★ Local Community Champion
- ★ Young Community Champion
- ★ Community Group Contribution

buckinghamshire.gov.uk/PoB-awards

Nominations close: Sunday 12 February



Nominate now!



Community Board
South West
Chilterns

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Dates of Next Meeting

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The South West Chiltern Community Board next Meetings will be on:

Community Engagement Event – 22 April 2023, Higginson Park, Marlow – 1300 – 1600 hrs

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