



## Aylesbury Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 23 February 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: The Paralympic Room, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury  
HP19 8FF

### BC Councillors:

D Thompson (Chairman), S Morgan (Vice-Chairman), M Baldwin, S Chapple, A Christensen, T Dixon, R Gaster, T Hunter-Watts, N Hussain, T Hussain, S James, R Khan BEM, S Lambert, A Poland-Goodyer, W Raja, D Summers, G Wadhwa and M Winn

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4	<b>Housekeeping</b>		
5	<b>Actions from the last meeting</b> To review and sign off the action notes from the meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2022.		<b>3 - 8</b>
6	<b>Thames Valley Police Update</b> To be presented by Inspector James Davies.	<b>18:10</b>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Community Board Priorities, Engagement &amp; Funding Update</b> To be presented by Cllr David Thompson, Amy Jenner, Senior Community Board Manager and Priority Group Leads - Cllr Susan Morgan, Cllr Sarah James & Cllr Niknam Hussain.	<b>18:30</b>	<b>9 - 44</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Launch of Bucks Minority Ethnic research project findings</b> To be presented by Mark Russell, CEO Age UK and Naved Siddiqi, Social Researcher <a href="#">Ethnic Minority Research Project – Update October 2022. – Oasis Partnership</a>	<b>18:50</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Action 4 Youth Mentoring project evaluation</b> To be presented by Molly Meek, Youth Mentor, Action 4 Youth	<b>19:20</b>	<b>45 - 54</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Community Matters including petitions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proud of Bucks Awards</li> <li>• Community News</li> <li>• Petitions - Cambridge Street and Mandeville School</li> <li>• Buckinghamshire Council update</li> <li>• Opportunity Bucks</li> </ul>	<b>19:35</b>	<b>55 - 70</b>
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Agenda Item 5  
**Buckinghamshire Council**  
**Aylesbury Community Board**

## Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Aylesbury Community Board held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 in The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF, commencing at 6.00 pm and concluding at 7.55 pm

### BC Councillors present

D Thompson (Chairman), M Baldwin, P Brazier, A Christensen, T Hunter-Watts, S James, S Lambert and A Poland-Goodyer

### Board Members and Officers/Speakers in attendance

L Ashton, H Asquith, R Clarke, Insp. J Davies, P Dey, C Galea, K Gray, K Holyoake, A Jenner, R Kumar, I Livarski, R Lloyd, C Martin, A McKinlay, L Michelson, C Older, A Ribeiro, J Ribeiro, B Russell, L Shearer, A Sherwell, M Stewart, M Stokes and N Surman.

### Agenda Item

#### 1 Chairman's Welcome and Appointment of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all those in attendance and on behalf of the Board placed on record thanks to Councillor M Winn, the previous Chairman and Jack Pearce, the former Community Board Manager. Furthermore, it was

**RESOLVED** that Councillor S Morgan be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Aylesbury Community Board for the ensuing year.

#### 2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Buckinghamshire Councillors S Chapple, T Dixon, S Morgan, W Raja, D Summers and M Winn.

#### 3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 4 Housekeeping

Amy Jenner, Senior Community Board Manager advised of the relevant housekeeping rules and procedures.

## 5 Actions from the last meeting

Updates were provided on the actions from the last meeting. These included:

- Aylesbury Street Wardens – the trial was ongoing and two wardens were in place on fixed term contracts until July 2023. There were no plans at present to centrally fund the roles. An update report could be found at pages 10 to 18 of the reports pack. Members noted that the Street Wardens had not been accessible to the Buckingham Park and Coldharbour areas respectively and Members were informed that the Wardens did not have transport to visit the outer areas of Aylesbury. Members suggested this be considered in greater detail when future decisions were made by the Board and further highlighted that sustainability of projects was key, particularly with regard to future funding of those projects/initiatives which had been successful.
- Tree planting as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative – information had been circulated to Board Members following the meeting.
- Road safety at the Mandeville School – Unfortunately, school crossing patrollers were not available to Buckinghamshire Secondary Schools and an update was being sought from the school travel team supporting the school with their travel plan.
- A Member raised that Chris Geen had planned to liaise with local members on the CCTV review. This would be followed up (**Action: Amy Jenner**).

**RESOLVED** to approve the action notes from the last meeting.

## 6 Thames Valley Police Update

Inspector James Davies was in attendance to provide an update on the work of Thames Valley Police in the Community Board area. The following points were highlighted:

- Violent crimes had increased locally and nationally.
- Aylesbury had commenced a trial with knife crime offenders in custody, which would see those offenders being prioritised and remanded if appropriate.
- The additional 20,000 officers nationally would be on a two-year apprenticeship so would not be deployable on their own for quite a lengthy period.
- A Board Member highlighted that sexual assault figures were very high in comparison to other crimes in Buckinghamshire and noted that awareness needed to be raised.
- A Board Member requested that Police make visits to primary schools to ensure that officers were viewed by children as a normal part of the community. This was resource dependent; however, efforts were made to visit primary schools (**Action: James Davies to speak with Alan Sherwell outside of this meeting**).
- A board member raised an issue with a perceived drug issue at Conway Close (**Action: James Davies to speak with resident outside of this meeting**).
- A Members forum was suggested for elected Members and the Police to share information and act as conduits to the community (**Action: James Davies**).
- 101 call handling times had improved, although it was recommended to use the online reporting tool where possible for non-emergencies.
- Members suggested presenting statistics relevant to Aylesbury at future meetings, such as what the exact number of new officers would be in Aylesbury from the national recruitment drive (**Action: James Davies**).

## 7 Community Board Priorities & Funding Update

Amy Jenner, Senior Community Board Manager provided an overview of Community Board priorities. The three priorities identified for the Board were Environment, Cost of Living and Education and Skills. Points highlighted included:

- There was a target to remove barriers people faced when accessing transport that was



not a private car. Key stakeholders were being engaged with including Buckinghamshire Council, its schools and the Buckinghamshire College Group. Local cycling and walking groups were also being contacted to highlight what was working well and what was not working so well in Aylesbury.

- Board Members were encouraged to complete and share the cycleway survey found [here](#).
- A Member suggested increased publicising of the Greenway extension between Buckingham Park and Berryfields would raise awareness, particularly now that the new Berrycroft Medical Centre was open.
- It was also suggested that issues such as how to purchase a bicycle and how to repair and maintain one were important to focus on if people were being encouraged to switch to this mode of transport.
- Buckinghamshire Council's Opportunity Bucks Programme was to be launched imminently. This was developed following the Government's Levelling Up white paper published earlier in the year. As soon as this was launched, details would be shared with the Board and ideas for projects would be welcomed (**Action: Amy Jenner**).
- Each of the three sub-groups would engage all relevant stakeholders and welcomed anyone with an interest in the projects.

## Funding

- £45,336 of the £207,127 budget had been allocated to date and Members were advised of the projects supported.
- 'What's new?' was summarised to Members, this included small grants of up to £1,000; maximum value of £15,000 for general funding; must have contributor funding for requests over £1,000; majority of projects to be grown from within board priorities and the new highways contract which would be in place from April 2023.
- Fairhive Housing had co-funded projects and were open to exploring new community projects to support.
- Concern was raised that any unused budget would not be rolled over to the next financial year and that whilst waiting for the Council's Opportunity Bucks Programme to launch, there would be limited time for the Cost of Living and Education and Skills sub-groups to go through the funding process for projects. There was also concern that if there was leftover budget, it could appear that the Board did not require as much as it had been allocated, which was not the case (**Action: Amy Jenner to review**).

Members were invited to contact Amy with any further comments.

## 8 Regeneration in Aylesbury

Lisa Michelson, Service Director for Planning Growth and Sustainability and Carla Galea, Area Generation Manager attended to present an update on town centre regeneration, which had a focus on the Bus Station, Kingsbury Square and Market Square areas and Town Centre Management review. The presentation would be circulated to Board Members (**Action: Amy Jenner / Lisa Michelson**).

The ten principles that had been established were summarised and the framework was in development and would be shared at the appropriate time.

The Kingsbury and Market Square improvement project were started prior to the unitary Council and was currently being reviewed due to the emerging surrounding area issues, including Cambridge Street and the success of the temporary pedestrianizing of that street. The temporary traffic regulation order ran until September 2023. In order to keep the street

pedestrianised permanently, the current plans which relied on it being open to traffic needed to be revisited.

The Board requested timescales be shared for the Kingsbury and Market Square project. **(Action: Lisa Michelson / Carla Galea)**

A Board Member, on behalf of Aylesbury Town Council noted that the Town Council already had good relationships with town centre businesses and key contacts and were capable of managing the town centre on a day to day basis.

Board Members requested that the Board be consulted on plans to ensure their views were taken in to account and were not disregarded by those making the final decisions **(Action: Lisa Michelson/Regeneration team)**.

A national survey undertaken by Visa was said to highlight the need for improved 5G network connectivity in Aylesbury and noted that Park and Ride was important for the town to grow. **(Action: Prakesh Dey to share survey link with Amy Jenner to pass on to the regeneration team)**

The importance of ensuring the hospital and associated traffic use was factored in to town centre regeneration was noted.

## **9 Community Matters including petition**

### *Cambridge Street Petition*

Local resident, Juan Ribeiro summarised the petition on behalf of the residents and businesses of Cambridge Street. The petition was in respect of the condition of the paving slabs and highlighted the benefits of the road being pedestrianised. As noted in the earlier item, it was recognised that Cambridge Street contributed to the town centre and improvements were required. Assurance was provided that local businesses would be consulted on plans and the Kingsbury Square and Market Square regeneration project was on hold at present whilst options were explored to satisfy highway requirements to keep Cambridge Street pedestrianised permanently.

### *Public Questions*

No questions were received in advance of the meeting. Board Members suggested the following areas would be useful for future consideration:

- Town centre office locations and availability/affordability difficulties for vital voluntary organisations.
- Primary Care Networks.
- Dentistry NHS waiting lists.

### *Community News*

Pages 25-32 of the agenda pack included details of various initiatives and events taking place across the county and Members were encouraged to share details with their communities and contacts.

*Buckinghamshire Council update*

An update from the Council was provided and could be seen on pages 33 to 42 of the agenda pack.

**10 Chairman's close and date of next meeting**

Thursday 16 February 2023 – Location TBC.

*Post-meeting note*

The next meeting date would take place on Thursday 23 February 2023 at location TBC

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## Cost of Living Programme – Community Board Update February

As a Council, we recognise the growing pressures being faced by our residents linked to the increases in the cost of living.

Buckinghamshire Council has made further provision to assist residents who are in need, which is especially important during the winter months, developed through close partnership working, particularly with the voluntary and community sector.

We are continuing to develop our offer of support to residents, which is summarised below, and further information and updates will be published on our website.

- **Help with the cost of living council homepage** – Our updated website ensures people can access information about the range of support available, including: support with food, fuel and household bills, finding a place to keep warm, obtaining essential household items, support available from Government, support for pensioners and how to contact the Helping Hand team: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- **Helping Hand** - Our Helping Hand service provides support to local individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship. The team can be contacted on 01296 531 151 or through the [online contact form](#). You can read more about the help available on the [dedicated section of our website](#).
- **Food and hot meals schemes** – There are many food schemes available in Buckinghamshire. Further information is available in the cost of living section of the Council website. [Help buying or accessing food | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

We have also partnered with local organisations to launch the Food Champions Network, whereby residents volunteer to collect food on behalf of their local food banks and deliver it to the food banks. [Become a Food Champion and help your local community | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

If a community organisation wishes to set up a hot meals scheme, a toolkit with guidance on how to do this will also be available in the cost of living section of the Council's website [Toolkit: hot meal provision for groups | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

- **Social media campaign** – We are providing a range of cost of living and energy efficiency related content and links for residents through our social media outlets – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Printed materials are also available in libraries and other welcoming spaces.
- **Partnership with Heart of Bucks for the crisis appeal** – For those who are in a position to help financially during this crisis, we have partnered with Heart of Bucks to raise funds for those in need. Residents are able to donate money via the Heart of Bucks Crisis Appeal webpage. [TotalGiving™ - Crisis Appeal for Buckinghamshire - Heart of Bucks - Fundraising Page](#)
- **Welcoming Spaces** - Starting with council and community libraries, these locations will provide a warm, welcoming and supportive space for anyone who needs it. These are places where residents can come into safe and inclusive spaces, free of charge, to stay warm and enjoy a little company. Use of facilities, including free wifi, will also be available in these places along with information and support. [Find a place to keep warm \(Welcoming Spaces\) | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Welcoming Spaces have started extending to some private and community venues. Information about these will be accessible through the Bucks Online Directory and [Find a Warm Welcome Space Today](#).

If a community venue wishes to set up as a welcoming space, a toolkit with guidance is also provided in the cost of living section of the Council's website .

- **Wycombe Wanderers Warm Hub** - Operating every Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm-8pm until 28th February, the Warm Hub is accessible to anyone aged over 65 and attendees can be accompanied by 1 guest (pre-booking is required to detail any access or dietary requirements). 4 family days, open to the entire community, will also be communicated in due course. More details are available at [Warm Hub - Wycombe Wanderers \(wwfc.com\)](#)
  
- **Warm Boxes** – We have launched a warm box offer for residents that will enable them to collect free essential items to help with keeping warm from selected welcoming spaces. Items available include things such as blankets, hot water bottles, thermomugs and thermal socks. The offer is currently available from our 9 county libraries plus the locations below:
  - Wycombe Wanderers Warm Hub  
*Over 65's (with a +1) Every Tues/ Thurs in Jan / Feb 2023 between 5-8 pm*
  
  - Wycombe Museum – Priory Avenue High Wycombe  
*10am-5pm Tues – Fri & Sunday (closed Saturday)*
  
  - St Vincent De Paul Society  
*Open Wednesday, in Upper room, after mass 9:30am. Hot drinks, biscuits. Listed under <https://www.warmwelcome.uk>*
  
  - Christ The Servant King – Booker  
*9am-11.30am. Tuesday morning sessions are especially arranged for carers/parents and toddlers, 9am-12pm- Wednesday Community Cafe. New4You- 10th Feb and 10th March. 0-5 year old clothing, warm drink and cake all free, 10-11.30am*
  
  - All Saints Church - High Wycombe  
*Mustard Seed cafe, Mon 10-2, Tues 10-1, Wed 10-12, Th 10.30-1, Fri 10-12.30, Sat 10.30-12.30*
  
  - Hills Café – Micklefield  
*Mon- sat 9.15-1.30pm*
  
  - St Andrews Church – Totteridge  
*Every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am. Renew space- chat and a cup of tea and bring a hobby - parking, free WIFI, hot drinks, accessible toilets*
  
  - St Peter's Church – Coventon Rd Aylesbury  
*Thursday morning Community Cafe and Warming space soup lunch 10:00am - 1:00pm, Foodbank also present each week and Helping Hand member attends once a month*

- Southcourt Baptist Church – Penn Rd Aylesbury
- Aylesbury Vineyard- Gatehouse Close Aylesbury  
*Foodbank, Job Club and drop in on Tuesday morning*

Residents can ask a member of staff who will be able to help.

If you know of any community projects that may wish to purchase some warm boxes then please raise this with the Community Board manager.

For more bespoke help with essential items to keep warm, residents may contact the Helping Hand team.

- **Library Fines Amnesty Jan & Feb** – There will be a fines amnesty in all [Bucks Libraries](#) during January and February. Residents can just drop into one of the libraries during this time and ask a team member to have all historic fines on their accounts cleared. Any fines on items returned late during these months will also be waived.
- **Better Housing Better Health** - Better Housing, Better Health (previously called the Affordable Warmth Helpline) helps Buckinghamshire residents keep warm and well at home and improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

For self-referrals residents may visit the [Better Housing, Better Health website](#) or call [0800 107 0044](#).

We also offer guidance for [saving energy and tackling climate change at home and in other buildings](#).

- **Get around for £2 on the bus scheme** - From 1st January to 31st March a single bus journey within the Arriva bus zone will cost no more than £2. This includes Buckinghamshire and cross-county routes with some exclusions. More details are available at: [Get around for £2 | Help for Households | Arriva Bus UK](#), where residents may check if their local bus route is included in the scheme.
- **Pay council tax over 12 months instead of 10** – Residents now have the option of paying council tax evenly across the year instead of 10 months with a two month break in February and March. This should spread out the cost of an annual Council Tax bill into 12 smaller, monthly payments. More details and the request form are available at: [Different ways you can pay your Council Tax bill | Buckinghamshire Council](#)
- **Resident Support Leaflet** – A printed Resident Support Leaflet summarising available cost of living support will soon be available in libraries and from partner organisations such as Citizens Advice Bucks and food banks. These will also be distributed directly to vulnerable residents by partner organisations.

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## CYP Project Progress Report

### Overview

In September we successfully launched the Children and Young People project with the aim to encourage and engage 5-16 year olds in physical activity. The target areas for the project are Aylesbury, Wendover and surrounding areas.

We want to offer a variety of activities which are accessible and affordable; Sessions which prioritise participation as opposed to competition. To minimise barriers and increase accessibility, all sessions are pay as you go, with no commitment.

### Research

Mapping of the areas within Aylesbury & Wendover community boards was carried out to identify what venues and facilities were accessible, and what type of activities were already available to young people.

Whilst we have vast experience in delivering community projects at AITC, to gain a better understanding of the trends around young people in physical activity, market research was carried out with the following areas to explore;

- Reasons for participation
- Barriers to participation
- Type of activities young people are involved in
- Type of activities lacking/needed in the local community

In order to reach the correct demographic, consultations were carried out with various youth clubs, parents and parent groups on social media who have children in that age range.

Findings revealed that;

- There is a popular demand for activities such as Martial Arts/Self Defence as well as mainstream sports.
- Reasons for taking part in activity varied from keeping fit, finding it mentally rewarding and its social aspect.
- The cost of living rising means that parents are more reluctant to commit to anything long term or block book sessions. With this in mind the charge for sessions has been set to between £3-£5 per session.

## **Barriers**

- The cost of living crises surfaced shortly after the CYP project commenced in 2022 resulting in many families cutting back on extra expenses and coaches/instructors asking for a higher fee for travel, planning & delivery.
- Venues have had to raise their hire costs due to higher energy bills resulting in an overall higher cost of setting up each session.
- Due to other work/personal commitments of instructors, some are unable to commit to delivering sessions over consecutive weeks.

## **Successes**

On 1st November 2022, the first Basketball session was launched at The Grange School. Taking on feedback from parents this session has a cost of just £3 per child.

The list below shows sessions running currently as well those due to launch in due course.

- Basketball
- Handball
- Badminton
- Fight Klub
- Rabble
- Futsal
- Dance
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Karate
- Wrestling
- Netball
- Multisports & Games
- Kickboxing
- Skateboarding

Futsal is proving to be popular and participants for other activities such as Fight Klub and Badminton are growing weekly.

We have had over 100 visits to our sessions so far, which should grow more and more as sessions start.

In January 2023 an activity timetable was advertised in the Families Chiltern magazine that distributed 20,000 copies to local schools and nurseries as well as activity groups, leisure centres, cafes and local family places.

Conversations are taking place daily to add more sessions to the programme.

## **Faiza Muneeb**

Physical Activity Officer  
Active in the Community CIC



# Only Me

## SHARED PLATES



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Community Board  
Aylesbury

**DO YOU LIVE ALONE? FANCY GETTING OUT OF THE HOUSE?  
NEED SOME MOTIVATION TO COOK? MISS A GOOD LAUGH?**

**'ONLY ME' IS A FOOD BASED SOCIAL SESSION FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE BUT WANT TO EAT WELL!**

### Cook

Each session we will fire up the ovens and dust off the chopping boards together to create meals that can be eaten straight away or taken home. Learn some tricks for cooking for one, batch cooking and dishes to try.

### Chat

Meet new people, swap stories or food based tips, meet friendly faces who can answer your questions about keeping yourself motivated, healthy and active.

### Socialise

**10:30am - 12:30pm** Walton Parish Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP21 7QX. Next to Holy Trinity Church.

10-12 minutes walk from bus station

or 'Walton Street Bus Stop' is outside - Bus 300/ x30/ 130

**Mondays 27th Feb, 13th March, 27th March, 3rd April,  
17th April, 1st May 2023**



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# Planetarium Update Report

## January 2023

UK Astronomy is a registered charity in England and Wales (1190172)  
and a company Limited by Guarantee (10276672)

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## **Who is UK Astronomy?**

UK Astronomy was founded by Ross Hockham BCAe.

UK Astronomy exists to encourage others to look up, because there are a billion worlds in your back garden.

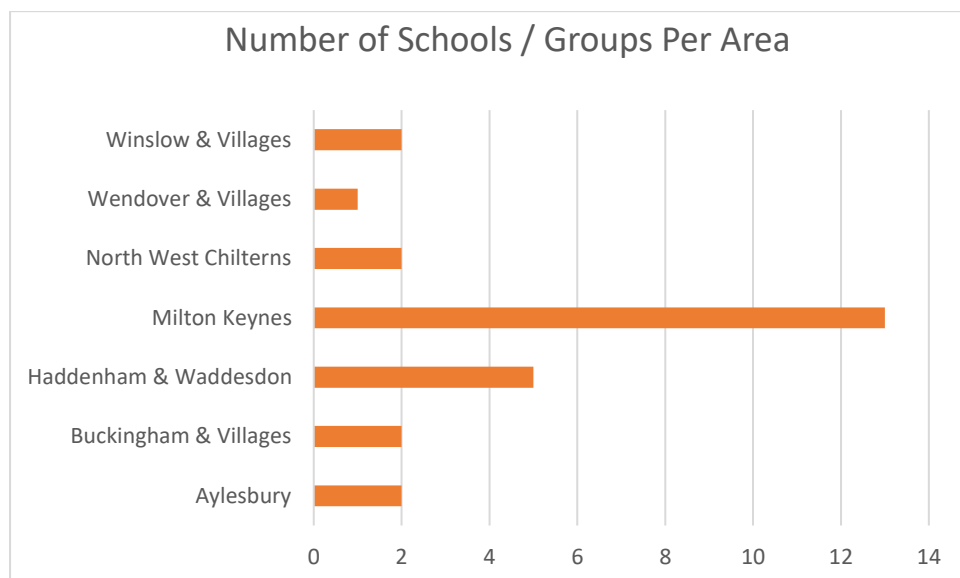
UK Astronomy is a registered charity whose ethos is to educate, inspire and excite others by sharing our knowledge and passion for space. We do this by offering astronomy outreach and public engagement for anyone who thinks space is awesome and wants to find out how vast and magnificent it all is.

## **Our Aims and Goals**

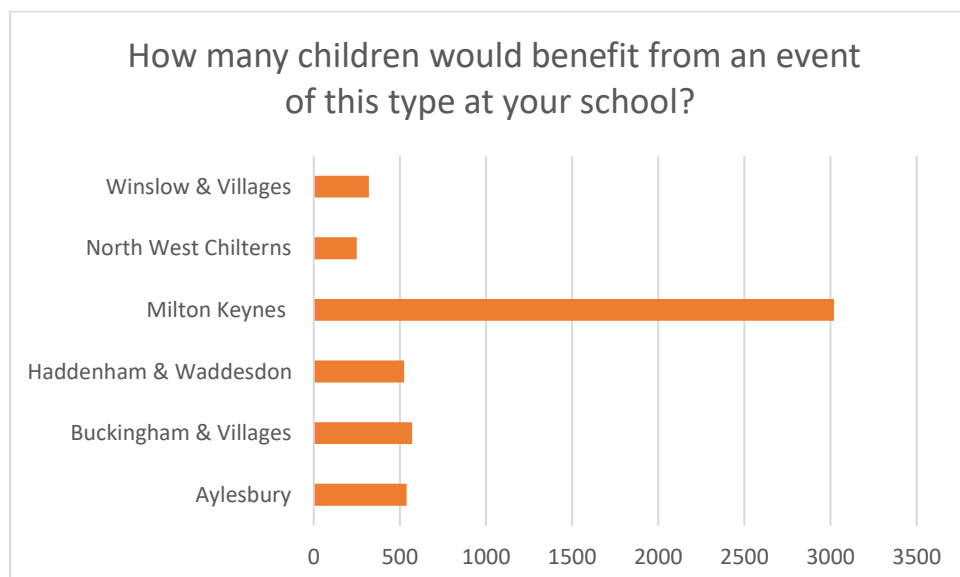
- To make astronomy more accessible to all.
- To encourage an interest in astronomy and STEM subjects.
- Increasing understanding of science, as well as other skills. For example, logic, vocabulary, verbal reasoning, and literacy.
- Increase young people going into STEM related careers.
- Increase mental wellbeing.
- Increase community cohesion.

## Introduction to the project

We carried out a pilot study on 50 schools and youth groups across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes where we currently offer our services to gauge interest in the project.



*Chart: Number of schools / youth groups per area that showed interest in the planetarium service.*



*Chart: Number of children per area that could benefit if these Schools/Youth groups were to book the planetarium service.*

**Please note:** the planetarium is an ongoing service and that these are not the only schools/youth groups that would benefit from this service. UK Astronomy will be offering this service to the wider community in both Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire in an effort to make Astronomy accessible to all.



## **Objectives of the Project**

The objectives of the inflatable planetarium project are to ***enhance the lives of young people, strengthen our communities, improve the environment, and promote health and wellbeing.***

The project aims to provide young people with access to safe, stimulating, and enjoyable activities that can help foster an enthusiasm for the sciences and potentially motivate them to pursue STEM-related occupations. Through this, we hope to build strong relationships between young people and their communities by creating inclusive, safe, and supportive spaces that foster self-discovery and growth.

The project also aims to reduce environmental impacts by encouraging people to take an interest in astronomy and science in general, making them more aware of the natural environment and the need to protect it. It will also make them more aware of light pollution and more interested in protecting natural, open environments.

Finally, the inflatable planetarium project seeks to promote health and wellbeing by providing a healthy and enjoyable activity that encourages people to get off their phones / watching TV and go out and look up. It encourages them to engage with other people in their community, thus reducing social isolation and improving their mental health.

## Progress to date:

We are pleased to report that significant progress has been made on our planetarium project. Our fundraising efforts were successful and by the end of October we had all the necessary funding from pledges in our bank account and were able to move forwards with the project.

After further research and due diligence checks, we made the decision to move forwards with ordering the necessary equipment for the project from Immersive Experiences.

In November, with the support of a legal volunteer we signed the contract and paid the first instalment towards the project with Immersive Experiences.

Whilst the planetarium was being made, UK Astronomy worked on getting its systems ready for launch. This involved:

- Set up new [website](#) pages about the planetarium service.
- Create new Terms & Conditions.
- Update our booking forms.
- Create a Planetarium risk assessment.
- Design the custom cover for the Planetarium.
- Design new leaflets including information about the new service.
- Design roller banners to display when the planetarium is used.
- Approaching schools who completed our survey and showed an initial interest in the project and invite them to book from May 2023.

In the first week of January, we received an update from the supplier that the planetarium should be with us by mid-February. Whilst we have been doing regular social media posts about our fundraising efforts and updating our supporters on the project activities to date, at this stage we decided to announce the service to the public and issued a press release.

This was sent to the following:

- Milton Keynes Citizen
- MK Community Hub
- MKFM
- Bucks Herald
- Bucks Free Press
- Wendover News
- Bucks Radio.

It was also shared in several Facebook groups for the local areas, as well as across our Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok and LinkedIn accounts.

## Next Steps

The next step in the project is to begin training volunteers. We have identified a group of volunteers who will be trained in the operation of the planetarium equipment. The training will involve being hands on with the equipment. Once the volunteers have completed the training, they will be ready to begin offering the planetarium service to the public.

We are already getting enquiries and have begun to confirm bookings from May 2023.

We are confident the planetarium service project will be a great success, and we are excited to move forwards with the next steps. We will continue to provide updates as the project progresses and will be looking to invite funders to an exclusive event to see the planetarium in action in the near future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ross Hockham, BCAe

*"Because there are a billion worlds in your back garden..."*

## **Appendix**

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## Appendix 1 – Press Release Milton Keynes

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Local Milton Keynes based charity UK Astronomy is bringing the skies to you this Spring, with its NEW Inflatable Planetarium Service**

Are you looking for a unique and exciting way to bring the stars to your next event? Look no further than **UK Astronomy's NEW inflatable planetarium.**

UK Astronomy is excited to offer this unique educational experience to kids, teens, and adults alike. Their inflatable planetariums are designed to bring the wonders of the night sky to life and provide an immersive learning experience.

This revolutionary service allows you to bring the wonders of the night sky to any event. The inflatable planetarium is a large, self-contained dome that can quickly be set up in any indoor location, making it an ideal choice for schools, libraries, museums, festivals, and more. Inside, a powerful projector displays a stunningly realistic image of the night sky, with stars and constellations that can be seen in vivid detail.

The Inflatable Planetarium Service is designed for people of all ages and backgrounds. The entire experience is designed to be engaging, entertaining, and educational.

*"The UK Astronomy inflatable planetarium service is a great way to bring the wonders of the night sky to those who may not have access to telescopes. It's a wonderful way to share the beauty of the stars with everyone. We hope that this experience helps to inspire a lifelong fascination in the night sky."* Ross Hockham BCAe, UK Astronomy Founder

For further information please visit [www.ukastronomy.org](http://www.ukastronomy.org)

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## **Appendix 2 – Press Release Buckinghamshire**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Local Buckinghamshire based charity UK Astronomy is bringing the skies to you this Spring, with its NEW Inflatable Planetarium Service**

Are you looking for a unique and exciting way to bring the stars to your next event? Look no further than **UK Astronomy's NEW inflatable planetarium.**

UK Astronomy is excited to offer this unique educational experience to kids, teens, and adults alike. Their inflatable planetariums are designed to bring the wonders of the night sky to life and provide an immersive learning experience.

This revolutionary service allows you to bring the wonders of the night sky to any event. The inflatable planetarium is a large, self-contained dome that can quickly be set up in any indoor location, making it an ideal choice for schools, libraries, museums, festivals, and more. Inside, a powerful projector displays a stunningly realistic image of the night sky, with stars and constellations that can be seen in vivid detail.

The Inflatable Planetarium Service is designed for people of all ages and backgrounds. The entire experience is designed to be engaging, entertaining, and educational.

*"The UK Astronomy inflatable planetarium service is a great way to bring the wonders of the night sky to those who may not have access to telescopes. It's a wonderful way to share the beauty of the stars with everyone. We hope that this experience helps to inspire a lifelong fascination in the night sky."* Ross Hockham BCAe, UK Astronomy Founder

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## Community Board Aylesbury

### AYLESBURY STEM PROGRAM UPDATE:



[Dr Charlotte Edwards-Gayle speaking to 500 students at The Grange on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022]

We are now halfway through our efforts to raise the enthusiasm and opportunity for STEM in Aylesbury secondary schools through the initiative started in October. With the blessing of The Mars Society UK, The Genetics Society, and International Space School Education Trust (ISSET) we are conducting a monthly STEM program across the following schools:

- The Grange
- Mandeville
- St Michaels

- Waddesdon
- Aylesbury Vale Academy
- Aylesbury Grammar School
- Aylesbury High School
- Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School

These 8 schools afford the opportunity to bring the brightest and best of science in the UK to over 10000 students. Priority is given to the lower-ranked schools, but special thanks is afforded to Aylesbury High School and Aylesbury Grammar School for hosting the after school events and taking on the burden of the administration and safeguarding of the program.



## DATES

**HARDING HALL  
AYLESBURY HIGH  
SCHOOL  
4-6PM**

**5/10  
2/11  
7/12  
11/01  
8/02**

**01/03  
23/05  
14/06  
05/07**

[Program dates and after school venue details]



[Dr Zachary Ardern speaking to year 9 and the 6<sup>th</sup> form at Henry Floyd on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023]

The speakers so far have been the following:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Speaker</u></b>	<b><u>Bio</u></b>
5 <sup>th</sup> October 22	Alex Wood, Patrick Rennie	Alex is an engineer with the military who formerly worked on the electron microscope. Patrick is a rocket scientist and president of The Mars Society
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 22	Dr Charlotte Edwards-Gayle	PhD biochemist and research team leader at Diamond Light Source
7 <sup>th</sup> December 22	Dr Beth Healey	Medical Doctor for the European Space Agency who spent 14 months in Antarctica
11 <sup>th</sup> January 23	Sigourney Bonner and Laura Gonzalez	Sigourney is a PhD cancer researcher at Cambridge University, a Forbes 30 under 30 and founder of Black In Cancer. Laura is a lead on satellite operations for Catapult UK
8 <sup>th</sup> February 23	Dr Zachary Ardern and Dr Anke Arentsen	Zach is an evolutionary geneticist at The Sanger Centre in Cambridge who researched the evolution of COVID-19 variants. Anke is a galactic archaeologist and astrophysicist at Cambridge University Observatory
1 <sup>st</sup> March 23	Professor Dr Tom Monie	Professor of Immunology at Cambridge University
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 23	Sunhil “Sunny” Dhillon and Dr Kyren Lazarus	Sunny is an engineering PhD researcher exploring improving durability and traction in Mars rovers. Kyren works for AstraZeneca and is a leading researcher in breast cancer genetics
14 <sup>th</sup> June 23	Professor Dr Lindsay Compton	Lindsay is professor of plant genetics at Birmingham University
5 <sup>th</sup> July 23	NASA astronaut Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger	Dorothy flew on a construction mission to the International Space Station

		<p>on the space shuttle Discovery in 2010 on mission STS-131. It was the first flight in history where more than half of the crew were female.</p>
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[A school board display of all the events and guests so far – February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023]

The program features two components:

1. I drive the guests throughout the day to speak at different schools about their research, careers in science, and to take questions from the students.
2. After school we hold an event for students everywhere to hear an extra session with our guest(s) held at Aylesbury High School where we also do a book giveaway, share more of the program with the students and allow for more questions.

The program began in October with a reach of about 2000 students per month, but by December this had doubled when Dr Beth Healey spoke to around 4000 students in one day (almost a third of all students in town). We now typically visit around 5 schools per day and see 3000-4000 students.





[Dr Anke Arentsen speaking to students from 4-5 schools after school on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023]



[Interviewing Dr Charlotte Edwards-Gayle and taking questions from around 500 students at Aylesbury Vale Academy on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022]





[Dr Beth Healey taking assembly at Waddesdon for 1300 students on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022]





[Alex Wood with a year 12 physics group. The head of science reported that after his visit, takeup of electronic engineering doubled in module choice for year 12. October 5<sup>th</sup> 2022]



[Laura Gonzalez talking about careers in the space industry to a mixture of AGS, AHS, Grange and Waddesdon students at Aylesbury High School – January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023]





[Sigourney Bonner talking to a mix of students after school about cancer research on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023]

### Current Impact:

The response from the schools and students has been overwhelming. It has far exceeded my initial expectations and without question we must ensure that we build on this program each year. The guests have also enjoyed it with every one of them saying they would like to return and speak in Aylesbury schools again. The calibre of guests and number of students reached for the cost of the program has been fantastic. At cost of £300-£500 per month for a reach of 4000 students we are being incredibly efficient.

Amongst the indicators of success we have seen:

- A steady 70-200 coming to the after school program from 6 different schools
- A large number of staff getting involved in the after school program
- We have given away dozens of books on careers in science to students that reflect the career of the monthly guest
- Schools have promoted the event more heavily as it has gone on
- The number of questions taken by students has steadily increased since October
- General enthusiasm for the monthly events has risen in each school
- Specific takeup of certain subjects has increased with the visit of certain guests

We shall find out next academic year what the results have been in terms of quantifiable measures such as GCSE/A-level take up and university/job applications, though these are hard to gauge.

Perhaps the greatest indicator has been the appreciation and engagement of the schools and staff to the program.



[Dr Beth Healey speaking to year 7 at The Grange on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022]





[Dr Beth Healey speaking to the science students at Mandeville School on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2022]

Our personal highlights of the year:

- Dr Beth Healey speaking to 4000 students across 5 schools on 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Dr Charlotte Edwards-Gayle giving out books on careers in biochemistry and antibiotic resistance and taking questions for over an hour at both AVA and AHS on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Alex Wood addressing 150 students after school on the engineering challenges that need to be solved for humans to go to Mars
- Sigourney Bonner talking to 3000 students on careers in science and equality for women and ethnic minorities in STEM
- Dr Anke Arentsen and Dr Zachary Ardern double-act at Sir Henry Floyd and AGS/AHS to speak to twice as many students at the same time

Hearing so many young people come to ask questions about their university options and career paths, sharing their own dreams about working in scientific research, medicine and engineering, and lighting up with excitement at the work being done by our guests has been the biggest highlight for me.

The best is yet to come as we have two first-class university professors, a Mars engineer and a NASA astronaut coming to finish the year!



# MARS Society UK

Scientists - Researchers -  
Engineers - Astronauts

Free entry

Fellow of Christ's College  
Focus on Innate Immunity

## Prof Dr Tom Monie

Professor of Immunology  
University of Cambridge

4PM - 6 PM

WEDS March 1st

Harding Hall,  
Aylesbury High  
School



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CAMBRIDGE

[Our March guest, professor Tom Monie from Cambridge University]



[NASA astronaut Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger with the Space Shuttle Discovery ahead of STS-131. Dorothy will visit all 8 schools from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July to finish off the year.]

Thank you for your interest and support,

Kindest regards

Sam McKee

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## Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse Ukrainian Hub Update

The Ukrainian Hub at Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse started in May last year and has helped our Ukraine guests feel welcome and settled in our local community.

What we originally envisioned for the Ukraine Hub and what happens today are very different, we had a vision of a similar setup to our Tuesday drop in, community hub where our local community have the opportunity to come in and talk to local agencies (Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hands, local housing associations, adult learning, family support services, Advisa etc) to answer all their questions. We were aiming for a 'one stop shop'.

Although we had a translator (provided by Community Impact Bucks) and a couple of Ukrainians with good English the initial language issue made this un-workable but what we did discover was that Ukraine guests were all helping each other with the initial basics, bank accounts, Universal Credit, Biometric id cards, driving licences etc. So all we had to do was provide a safe place for the guests to gather, talk and help one another, we provided lunch for them and alongside the Sponsor Liaison Officers from Buckinghamshire Council that joined us we were able to advise and sign post were needed.

We discovered early on that many of the Ukrainians have great career backgrounds but were limited by the language barrier so English lessons were needed to help them get work and settle here in the UK. We soon began running 45 minute sessions alongside the hub, although well attended and received the lessons were short and run voluntarily so with the support of the William Harding Trust we were able to help accelerate the learning. At the beginning of September we ran a week of intensive English lessons with three English Tutors that we had hired, beginners, intermediate and advanced classes.

These classes have continued in the mornings before the hub and we now have 3 Ukrainians who teach for us, these lessons have been so well received with around 90-95% of our Hub guests attending the lessons.

Numbers to the hub vary, the success of the English lessons means we lose people as they find employment etc. but new guests are still arriving on an almost weekly basis. We are currently supporting around 50-60 guests every week with a majority of them taking part in our free English lessons that we provide over 3 different levels.

Our Christmas celebration meal brought back guests who we hadn't seen for months who told us how the Hub had helped them settle in the UK. Each of our Ukraine guests received Christmas presents from us and every volunteer received a card and present from the Ukrainians to express their gratitude for our help.

The money from the Community Boards has ensured that the Hub can run on a weekly basis although the original calculation for catering had not foreseen the huge increase in the cost of food (16.5%), and the original board funding was to cover the costs of using 3 rooms. With 3 different levels of English lessons taking place we now use 5 rooms but Aylesbury Vineyard Church has not made any additional charges.

The next challenge is helping to find and furnish houses as guests move out of hosts properties into their own and we are currently looking at ways to support them in this alongside the Buckinghamshire Council.



**Ukrainian Friends and Family Hub**

- for guests and sponsors
- every Thursday 12.30-2.30pm
- english lessons
- lunch and refreshments
- advice and support
- play therapist available

**WELCOME, ласкаво просимо,  
laskavo prosymo.**

aylesbury vineyard  
**STOREHOUSE**  
Gatehouse Close  
Aylesbury  
HP19 8DN

THE BERNWOOD COMMUNITY BUS

Community Board  
Aylesbury

Our original Ukrainian Hub Leaflet.



The Kitchen Volunteers (Christmas Dinner)

On behalf of our family, I want to thank you for all the support and help, for these wonderful dinners, where everyone felt comfortable and happy, and of course for such wonderful gifts, in which a piece of the soul was invested! ❤️🥰🥰 You are very kind-hearted people and deserve only the best for your sensitive actions, thank you, from all Ukrainians! Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year! 🎄🎁🎀 16:24

Feedback from one of our Ukrainian Guests.



Sorting Christmas Gifts for all the Ukrainian Hub Guests.





# **ACTION 4 YOUTH**

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# Mentoring Project

Holly Meek  
Youth Mentor Aylesbury Vale

# Aims of the Project



The aims of the project are to:

- Improve educational attainment
- Provide strategies to young people experiencing low level mental health issues.
- Provide a safe space for the young people to talk.
- Help build self-esteem.
- Encourage the young people to take part in outside interests/hobbies within the community.
- Work as part of a multi-agency approach.

Community Board	Expected Caseload Total	Caseload Total	Finished Caseload	Current Caseload	Wait List
Aylesbury Community Board	12	25	14	10	1

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Referrals have come from

- Sir Henry Floyd
  - The Grange
  - Bucks UTC
  - St Michaels Catholic School
- We have also received referrals for young people that live in Aylesbury but attend schools outside the area or are NEET.

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# Referrals

Where and when do the sessions happen?

# What have the difficulties been?

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# How do we track progress?

## Are people making progress?

### In 1+ outcome areas

Percentage of people making progress in at least one outcome area

100%

### In 2+ outcome areas

Percentage of people making progress in at least two outcome areas

100%

### In 3+ outcome areas

Percentage of people making progress in at least three outcome areas

81%

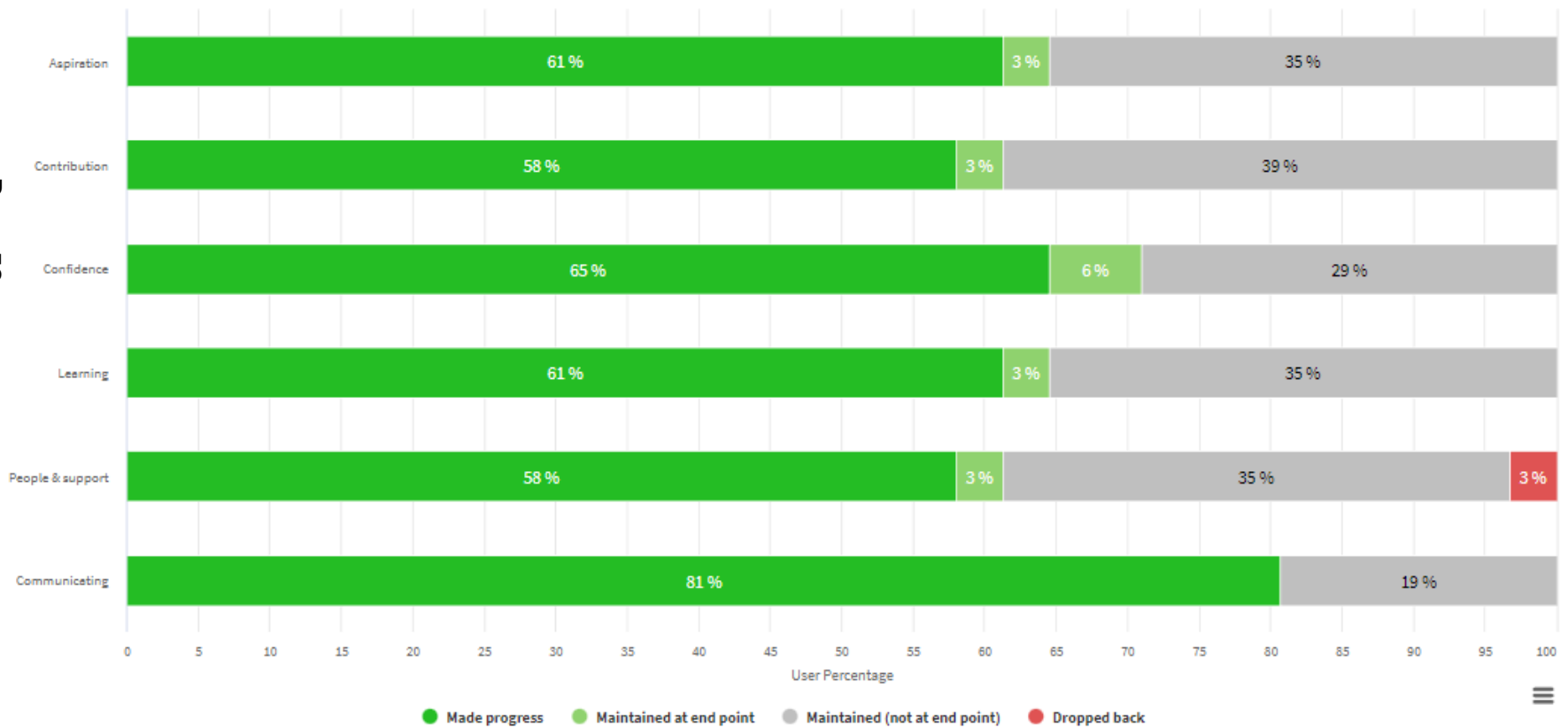
### Outcome areas showing progress

Average number of outcome areas in which someone is making progress

3.8

## How much progress are people making in each outcome area?

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# Case Study



B was referred for mentoring by his school due to low mood and a lack of motivation at school. Parents had recently separated so B, his mum and younger sister had moved out of the family home into new rented accommodation until something more permanent came up.

When I met B for our first session at school he said that he often feels quite numb to things and has lost enjoyment in almost everything he does.

After a few sessions I discovered that B is heavily into his health and fitness and was starting to explore his nutrition. I noticed during the sessions that B looked uncomfortable sitting in a small room talking so I decided that we needed to change the environment.

B talked about struggling with his sleep and was often very tired in the morning so I wanted to explore if him going to the gym in the morning rather than after school would help his motivation during the day.

We decided that once a week I would pick Harry up at 7:15am and drive him to the gym in town. On the way we were able to catch up and B was able to open up more about how he felt, as sitting in a car didn't feel as intense as sitting in a small room.

B opened up about his feelings towards his dad and the guilt he often feels now that he doesn't see him as often.

I started noticing when I would pick B up after the gym and take him to school, he was different. He was more chatty, more energetic and seemed much happier. B said he enjoyed the early morning gym sessions as the gym was quieter, so he was able to have a better workout and it helped him to wake up in the morning. It also helped set him up for the day in a better mood.

A teacher at school commented that Harry told her the mentoring sessions have really helped him to open up more and the gym sessions have helped him feel more motivated at school.

After 12 sessions together, B was able to take independence in planning to keep going to the gym in the morning himself, asking a friend to join him and was going to dedicate his summer holidays to his fitness.

B's comment about the mentoring;

'I thought that the morning gym sessions were really beneficial. I didn't feel like talking in a room was the right thing for me so the fact that we changed it and was flexible really helped'

A referral was also made, after I advised it, to the school councilor to help B carry on having someone to talk to. A referral to Family support was also made to help mum in continuing to support B.

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# Thank you for your time.

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## Report to Aylesbury Community Board

<b>Date:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Response to ePetition: Dangerous parking and misuse of cycle lane on Cambridge Street, Aylesbury</b>
<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Cllr Steven Broadbent – Cabinet member for Transport
Contact officer:	Rosie Tunnard
Ward(s) affected:	Aylesbury North
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Await completion of the North Aylesbury Parking Scheme consultation
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	The area of is part of the North Aylesbury Parking Scheme consultation. Feedback from the petition has been included as part of the consultation

### 1. Executive summary

Residents of Cambridge Street, Aylesbury have submitted a petition requesting that bollards are installed on the footway between Aldi and the sorting office to prevent pavement parking by vehicles undertaking deliveries for takeaway businesses located along the road.

The area is included as part of the North Aylesbury Parking Scheme consultation that is currently underway. Feedback from this petition and from local residents has been included in the review. The first public consultation of the review took part from 21<sup>st</sup> November 22 to 9<sup>th</sup> January 23.

The results of that consultation are being prepared to be fed back to the Aylesbury Community Board over the next few weeks for consideration on what they feel appropriate, this may be a change in restrictions, introduction of bollards or an increase in enforcement visits (or a combination of all three).

The next stage if needed will be public consultation on any changes to the parking restrictions detailed on the Traffic Regulation Order.

## **2. Legal and financial implications**

The Council, acting as Highway Authority, has a duty to maintain highways which are maintainable at public expense. It is up to the Council to decide how to fulfil this duty which it does through its relevant Highways Policies.

## **3. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views**

Consultation on Aylesbury North Parking is underway with involvement by the community board and local members.



## Report to Aylesbury Community Board

<b>Date:</b>	23rd February 2023
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Response to ePetition 'Traffic safety – the Mandeville School'</b>
<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Steve Broadbent Cabinet Member for Highways
<b>Contact officer:</b>	Neil O'Leary Team Leader Network Safety
<b>Ward affected:</b>	Aylesbury South West ( <a href="#">link</a> to find your councillor)
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Risk reduction measures should be further reviewed and implemented where feasible.</b>
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	<b>The absence of the availability of Network Safety funding due to the lack of commonality of causation factors across the reported injury incidents.</b>

### 1. Executive summary

1.1 Buckinghamshire Council have received an ePetition stating:

**We the undersigned petition the council to Implement traffic safety measures around The Mandeville School to ensure that young people are safe from traffic hazards.**

Too many young people have been injured in traffic collisions outside the school over time, due to unsafe conditions. We ask the Council to consider implementing the following measures as a matter of the utmost urgency:

1. Install traffic signs with reduced speed and 'school zone' on display outside the school's entrance on Ellen Road
2. Install traffic speed check signage to remind drivers to slow down
3. Add a zebra crossing on the road to ensure students can cross safely
4. Relocate the bus stop directly outside the school further up the road to reduce congestion and improve lines of sight
5. Widen the road to add a 'drop off' lane to reduce congestion and minimise the need for unsafe overtaking on the road
6. Reconsider traffic calming measures taken on surrounding roads which driver additional traffic up Ellen Road, raising congestion and causing hazardous driving conditions outside the school

1.2 This ePetition ran from 28/11/2022 to 26/12/2022 and attracted 17 signatures.



1.3 The personal injury history in the vicinity of The Mandeville School does not meet the criteria for intervention as outlined in Buckinghamshire County's Network Safety policy and as a result funding from the Network safety budget cannot be utilised to implement the measures listed in the ePetition.

## **2. Content of report**

2.1 Once a site/route has been identified against the criteria for safety improvements in accordance with the relevant Buckinghamshire Council policy (Section 11 para 11.2) a detailed analysis of the personal injury data is undertaken to identify any treatable patterns in the data. Treatments can take the form of physical safety improvements under the Network Safety Local Safety Scheme programme or could be involve a combination of Education, Training or Publicity.

2.2 The area reviewed in response to the ePetition does not meet the site/route criteria as defined in the Buckinghamshire policy.

2.3 In the 5-year period, 01/01/2018 and 31/12/2022, 14 personal injury incidents were reported to Thames Valley Police on Ellen Rd & Churchill Avenue bounded by Anton Way – Bowler Road.

2.4 These 14 incidents resulted in 16 casualties 2 classified as serious and 12 classified as slight.

2.5 With a focus on identifying behaviours or locations where road users fail to cope with the environment in the vicinity of the school and at times where there is an increased concentration of young people travelling to or from the school site; The following text outlines the analysis process, based on the information provided by Thames Valley Police.

2.6 Of the reported incidents:

- 2 occurred on weekends when there is expected to be a reduced concentration of young people travelling to and from the school site, it is also a reasonable

assumption that traffic patterns would differ from those at school drop-off and pick-up time

- Of the remaining 12 incidents 4 involved children and have various contributory factors recorded:
  - Dangerous action in carriageway – Pedestrian
  - Failed to look properly – Pedestrian
  - Cyclist entering road from pavement
  - Driver failed to stop at signal controlled pedestrian and struck pedestrian
- The remaining injury incidents involved adult cyclists and/or vehicle to vehicle conflicts and included the below contributory factors:
  - Impaired by alcohol
  - Inexperienced or learner driver/rider
  - Failed to look properly
  - Following too close
  - Dazzling sun
  - Distraction in vehicle

2.7 Based on the above analysis there are no common causation factors identifiable across a number of the incidents which could be mitigated by the introduction of some/all of the measures listed in the ePetition.

2.8 Notwithstanding the above there are opportunities to introduce measures which could reduce the risk of incidents, these are outlined in section 3.

### **3. Other options considered**

3.1 The development, application and maintenance of a School Travel Plan.

3.2 The existing “School Keep Clear” zig-zag markings on Churchill Avenue and Ellen Road do not comply with current standards. Consider amending markings to comply on Ellen Road and implement a Traffic Regulation Order to allow parking enforcement to take place. This will deter injudicious parking and reduce the likelihood of obscuring intervisibility between NMUs (*non-motorised users*) and road users.

3.3 The condition of existing signage should be reviewed and where necessary and in accordance with current TfB contract; clean, replace enhance where appropriate.

3.4 Include a location along the school frontage for a MVAS unit which can be deployed for periods during school term time

3.5 Engage with HS2 Community Engagement Officer to determine if there is eligibility for funding based on changes to traffic patterns as a result of HS2 works.

3.6 Engage with HS2 Community Engagement Officer to discuss opportunities through the HS2 Road Safety Fund when next tranche is available.

#### **4. Policy Context (local and national)**

4.1 Buckinghamshire Council's Network Safety Team are responsible for the delivery of statutory obligation under the Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 39. Generally:

- promoting road safety by disseminating information or advice relating to the use of roads.
- prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety

4.2 Under the Road Traffic Act each Local Authority must:

1. carry out studies into accidents arising out of the use of vehicles
2. in the light of those studies, take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to prevent such accidents, including the dissemination of information and advice relating to the use of roads, the giving of practical training to road users or any class or description of road users, the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of (roads for the maintenance of which they are responsible) and other measures taken in the exercise of their powers for controlling, protecting or assisting the movement of traffic on roads
3. In constructing new roads, must take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to reduce the possibilities of such accidents when the roads come into use

4.3 By completing 1. above we determine emerging patterns across the county thereby identifying our most vulnerable road users and developing trends. This information informs our Education, Training, Publicity (ETP) work. From this same analysis we identify locations across the county where injury collisions have been reported, this output satisfies 2. above.

4.4 The 3rd obligation is covered through the completion of Road Safety Audits in line with the current Buckinghamshire Council Road Safety Audit policy.

4.5 Once this analysis has taken place the cluster list and route list will be reordered to account for those locations satisfying 2. above.

4.6 In order to make fair and reasonable comparisons across the network, clusters are defined as an occurrence of 5 injury incidents within 50m in a 5-year period. Route/road sections are generated from a table of populated by roads/routes which have witnessed injury collisions over the same 5-year period. The severity of the incident is classified as Slight, Serious or fatal and the list is ranked based on the These

reordered lists, with outline mitigation measures, are passed to designers to develop the detailed designs.

- 4.7 The available Network Safety budget is allocated to the design and implementation of these identified Local Safety Schemes.
- 4.8 For FY 23/24 the Network Safety Team have identified approximately 60 cluster sites and 20 route sections which meet these criteria.
- 4.9 No national policy for the identification of potential Road Safety intervention works currently exists.
- 4.10 No national targets for casualty reduction currently exist.

## **5. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views**

The Aylesbury Community Board facilitated a site visit at Mandeville School on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Attendees of the meeting were:

- *Giselle Hobbs- Deputy Head Teacher*
- *Cllr Waheed Raja- Ward Member*
- *Lewis Minney- Local Area Technician*
- *Neil O’Leary- Road Safety Team Leader*
- *Emma James- Schools Travel Planning*
- *Amy Jenner- Senior Community Board Manager*

*The following was summarised:*

Student safety issue due to volume of students coming in to school by car, bus, foot, combined with the impact of; congestion from parents dropping off and collection; generally being a busy road/driving behaviours; buses stopping outside school (at designated stop) and reducing visibility/causing further congestion. There is no drop off point but site has a turning circle type area that previously supported traffic flow before the entrance was re-sited. School has recently begun to review travel plans. Incidents are not at the level to reach Road Safety intervention. There is no obvious funding source available for the implementation of engineered solutions. There are a number of non-engineered solutions that may reduce risk via travel plans.

### **The following actions were agreed:**

LM- Explore improving signage

EJ/GH- collaborate on travel plan

GH- ensure that any incidents are reported accordingly (note near misses or damage only etc wouldn’t be reported to TVP)

GH- liaise with Church about usage as drop off/pick up point

NO- review the option to remove the bus stop directly outside of school

NO- check [TraffWeb](#) to see if Ellen Road has a TRO- if yes, enforcement may be possible (action completed)

NO- review road safety audit response when previous changes to entrance etc were implemented

AJ- speak to TVP re Sentinel Speedwatch (action completed)

AJ- explore cost to re-site crossing point (post April)

AJ explore if HS2 traffic counts were conducted and if volume has increased (action completed)

AJ explore if any S106 funding is available

WR- explore if Town Council may be able to add Ellen Road as an additional MVAS site on an existing post

GH- Re-review staggering finish times

GH- Re-review possibility to re-open the old school entrance as a drop off point- an expensive solution but *could* be explored further should funding become available.

## **6. Communication, engagement & further consultation**

6.1 Expression of interest lodged with HS2 Community Engagement Officer for engagement on release of the final tranche of the HS2 Road Safety Fund.

## **7. Community Board action**

Continue to support the school as per the actions noted in section 7.

## **8. Next steps and review**

Partners to continue to support the school as per the actions noted in section 7.

## **9. Background papers**

9.1 Network Safety Policy: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/policies/highway-policies/network-safety-policy/>

9.2 Criteria for Road Safety Improvement works within Buckinghamshire: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/road-safety/road-traffic-collisions/>



- 9.3 Dealing with speed: [Dealing with speeding | Buckinghamshire Council](#)
- 9.4 [London West Midlands ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT November 2013 Volume 2 Community Forum Area report CFA11 | Stoke Mandeville and Aylesbury](#) para 12.4.13

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## **An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council (Issue 1 2023 – January 2023)**

### **Buckinghamshire Council- Community Board Update January 2023**

#### **Local Heritage Listing**

Using government funding, the council has developed a Local Heritage List to protect some of the most important heritage sites in the county that contribute to the local character of Buckinghamshire.

The Local Heritage List identifies locally significant heritage sites and celebrates their contribution to local identity and character. These sites include historic buildings (houses, chapels, agricultural and industrial buildings), archaeological sites (upstanding earthwork remains and buried sites), formal gardens, public open spaces, public works of art, monuments and street furniture.

Sites were nominated by local communities and council staff and evaluated by the council's heritage and archaeology team with volunteers also working on the project.

The Local Heritage List is different to statutory listing and designations (e.g. Grade I, II and II\* Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, and Registered Parks and Gardens), which are assessed nationally by Historic England.

Assets on the Local Heritage List will be recognised and considered in any future planning applications, helping to protect local heritage assets for future generations to enjoy. There have been more than 2,653 nominations for inclusion on the list and 771 of these sites are now being brought forward for adoption in Phase 1, with the rest being assessed for Phase 2.

To view a list of nominated sites, please visit the [Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List website](#).

## **Local Plan update – sites to be published following call for sites**

Following the 'Wider' call for sites last year, over 700 sites have been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire. Our previous calls for brownfield sites resulted in 300 sites being suggested. An interactive map showing these has now been published at [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

A list of other sites which have been submitted as part of our wider call for sites will be available in the coming weeks. Officers have now started the process of evaluating each of the sites against the criteria of suitability for their chosen use, availability and deliverability over the plan period to 2040.

Work has commenced on an Employment and Retail Evidence Study and a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (we expect to consult with the relevant statutory bodies on this shortly). We are in the process of appointing consultants for several other studies which are needed to inform the plan.

We are currently working to set out the overarching vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire which will shape our work going forwards. In accordance with good practice on community engagement, the team is working on a forthcoming public consultation which will enable people to comment and give feedback on the draft Vision and Objectives.

## **Visitor Economy survey**

Buckinghamshire Council has launched a new Tourism Survey which will help to shape the future of Buckinghamshire's visitor economy sector. The council is inviting input from residents, businesses and key stakeholders which it will use to help identify new opportunities and to support the future growth of the visitor economy across Buckinghamshire.

The survey will be an important contributor to a Visitor Economy Strategy currently being developed by Buckinghamshire Council and its partners. The strategy itself will aim to identify how Buckinghamshire can build on the opportunities within its visitor economy with a view to supporting businesses and creating jobs.

The survey findings will be used to get a better understanding of where to focus support for the sector and explore what tourism businesses see as their main challenges and opportunities now and in the future.

Tourism is an important part of our local economy, as visitors spending their time and money in Buckinghamshire support more than 13,000 local jobs and over 2,000 small businesses. Responses from the survey will be used to develop a strategy and action plan which will help the tourism sector in Buckinghamshire to flourish and grow, supporting local jobs, workers and industries into the future.

The survey is live now and will be running until 17 February 2023. Buckinghamshire residents, business owners and other tourism stakeholders can complete the survey [here](#).

## **Current and upcoming consultations**

As well as the Tourism Survey, take a look here to view other current consultations:

### **Buckinghamshire Council consultations**

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.



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## Item10-Community News

### Buckinghamshire Community Wellbeing Hub Project Brief

Prepared for: Aylesbury Community Board

Prepared by: Buckinghamshire Health & Social Care Academy and Buckinghamshire New University

The Community Wellbeing Hub is being delivered by Buckinghamshire New University (BNU) and the Buckinghamshire Health & Social Care Academy (BHSCA). BHSCA is a non-profit partnership organisation, established by the Buckinghamshire NHS Trust, Buckinghamshire Council, Buckinghamshire New University, University of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Buckinghamshire College Group, Health Education England, FedBucks and Primary Care. The goal of BHSCA is to optimise the Health and Social Care workforce's education, training and skills development through partnership-working across systems, ensuring the best possible delivery of care to the population of Buckinghamshire.

This project sets out to co-design and co-deliver physical hubs based at BNU campuses in Aylesbury and High Wycombe to benefit students and residents. Building on evidence from other university-based wellbeing centres, the hub aims to meet the needs identified by colleagues in primary care, the Integrated Care Board (ICB), Adult Social Care and Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE) to better support residents with their wellbeing and mental health: a space to learn together and share specialist knowledge, provide outreach to their clients/patients, and create additional capacity to deliver services in the town centres. By delivering a collaborative space for professionals, the hub meets the needs identified by BNU as well: providing opportunities for students to shadow professionals, engage in new placements, volunteer at the Hub as part of BNU's new curriculum, and engage in training alongside health and care professionals.

#### Buckinghamshire Community Wellbeing Hub objectives

1. Create a physical space for health and social care professionals and VCSE providers to collaborate and co-locate services to improve the health and wellbeing of citizens
2. Support student wellbeing and mental health through the hub, in complement with existing BNU services
3. Provide opportunities for students to develop skills and gain work experience, including volunteering, placements, job shadowing, and training

The Hub will benefit the community by:

- Providing a centrally located and accessible space for residents to participate in wellbeing activities that promote better physical and mental health (e.g. weekly walking groups, wellbeing activities from GP health and wellbeing coaches, dementia or menopause talking cafes)
- Providing additional capacity to health and social care services to meet with residents on a 121 basis (e.g. social prescribing link worker sessions, counselling or group therapy from Healthy Minds)
- Providing space for health and social care to deliver community outreach and preventative/awareness raising activities (e.g. NHS health checks, adult social care assessments)
- Providing a space for local groups that promote wellbeing to meet (e.g. healthy cooking classes, social groups for older residents that reduce social isolation)

#### Implementation

The Community Board Manager has been engaged from the beginning of the project to ensure the hub aligns with local priorities for the community identified by the Board, and will continue to steer the development of the hub in line with these priorities wherever possible, including looking for opportunities for Board funded projects to link in with the Hub. A project board, which includes representation from Buckinghamshire Council, has been established to steer the development of the hub and recruitment is currently underway for a [Hub Manager](#) to lead the implementation of the hub.

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