



**Community
Boards**

Missendens Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 19 October 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Via Video Conference

BC Councillors:

P Martin (Chairman), M Harker OBE (Vice-Chairman), J MacBean, H Wallace and J Waters

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Missendens Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Missendens Community Board held on Thursday 14 July 2022 in Via MS Teams, commencing at 5.02 pm and concluding at 8.23 pm.

BC Councillors present

P Martin (Chairman), M Harker OBE (Vice-Chairman) and J Waters

Others in attendance

L Charleston (CB co-ordinator) and L Hornby

Apologies

J MacBean

Agenda Item

1 Welcome and apologies

The Vice-Chairman (in the Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Chairman would be joining the meeting presently.

Present:

Councillor Jonathan Waters
Councillor Peter Martin
Councillor Mimi Harker
Mike Etkind
Robert Gibson
Liz Hornby
Liz Charleston
Mike Johnstone (GMPC)
Marcia Lloyd Webb
Vanessa Martin (GMPC)
Barbara Rowett
Rob Seddon

Apologies:

Christopher Black
Catherine Bunting
Stephen Burke
Carole Eaden

Councillor Jane MacBean
Fran McLean
Karen Pither
Elaina Quesada

2 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

The previous meeting in April was the Board's first face-to-face event since the pandemic. It was well attended by previous recipients of Community Board funding awards and the Proud of Bucks awards were presented to Paige Hall, Kelsi Wright and The Missenden Walled Garden.

High Commended awards were presented to Carole Eaden and Jim O'Donovan.

It was generally agreed that the event went well.

4 Project Updates Youth Survey

The survey had been live for 2 months and circulated to as many young people as could be found in the area; the survey will remain live until the end of August. It was noted that eleven people had shown an interest in the focus groups and others were welcomed. The project had been promoted on the radio with the Vice-Chairman and there were discussions about whether to make a radio programme for young people to run and participate. A young person had been identified to head up this project.

It was noted that the survey was open to all including adults and was anonymous. Members of the Board who had not completed the survey were encouraged to do so.

Great Missenden Village Improvements

Mike Johnstone updated the Board on a pan-Parish project for bike racks and benches to be installed. It was noted that Bucks Highways had given permission and agreement from the Fire Station had also been given. Agreement from the library was still to be given along with Abbeyfield. A lead time of 6-8 weeks was given for the bike racks and benches to be installed.

Action: It was agreed that Mike Johnstone would provide the Councillor Harker some wording in relation to this project so that she would include it in her programme.

Prestwood Voice, Prestwood Choice

Councillor Harker explained that this was a short term plan with projects which had

been identified, some of which were already under way and being developed. They were:

- Community Fridge
- Play equipment and development of 'activity' facilities on the common.
- Walking app
- Assistance with development of separate spaces for community use; e.g. community hall, scout hut, Colts pavilion).
- Support for events
- Space for community allotment – Grow, Cook Eat-type project.
- Bike racks

There was a long-term aspiration from the community to look at improving facilities. Meetings had received some great contributions although there was still more to be undertaken.

Action: Robert Gibson agreed to investigate a Walking app. Walkers Are Welcome which was an app used in Chesham and SLOWAYS (a national walkers app) would also be investigated.

At this point, the Chairman, Councillor Martin joined the meeting and then took the Chair.

5 Great Missenden & Prestwood Revitalisation Group

The Board received and noted an update of which is attached to the Minutes.

6 Community Matters Buckinghamshire Council Updates

The Board received and noted the update which has been attached to the Minutes.

Community Safety – Update on Police Report

The Board received and noted the update which has been attached to the Minutes.

Action: It was agreed that Liz Charleston and the Chairman would discuss ways on how to promote SpeedWatch.

Public Questions

There were no public questions.

Consultations

To review open consultations, visit Your Voice Bucks website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

7 Funding Applications

There were currently no outstanding funding applications but conversations were taking place in respect of support from the Community Board.

Mike Johnstone did a short presentation on proposals to obtain funding for work to be carried out on Frith Hill following a recent incident when a motorist hit a child with their wing mirror. The pavement was extremely overgrown leading to the path itself being extremely narrow. Discussions had taken place with the Department of Transport (DoT) who owned a site and they agreed to deal with the overgrown shrubbery and that widening the footpath was also being actioned. It was also noted that HS2 had admitted to using that bit of highway and would recompense for damages. It was noted that if the DoT would not fund the footpath widening, then an application would be made to the Community Board for funding.

Holmer Green Village Society: Liz Charleston gave an update (appended to the minutes).

8 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 7.00pm.*

*please note this is a change of date from the date announced at the meeting.

Great Missenden and Prestwood Revitalisation Group Update 28 June 2022

Earlier this year, the Buckinghamshire Council communicated their final decision that funding for the Revitalisation Groups would not be carried forward. This was the cause of deep regret and disappointment amongst the Great Missenden and Prestwood Revitalisation Group membership.

After taking time to digest this news, the group has met to discuss our future. We agreed that fundamentally, we are lucky to have enough funds in the accounts to allow us to make the transition to a more project-based funding model. In addition, we began to generate growing optimism that while we have lost the mandate that came to us through CDC funding, new opportunities are presenting themselves.

The MCB Prestwood Choices / Prestwood Voices initiative has highlighted the need to generate action towards new project initiatives that will serve the community's growing population and aging infrastructure. The initiative has uncovered ideas; some new, and some previously expressed. The next step is delivering the change. We (the GMPRG) believe that we have the opportunity to reimagine how we can collectively collaborate to effectively deliver change for this community.

As we seek to clearly articulate our role, we are exploring the development of an integrated model of community change that could grow inter-organisational relationships, provide a structure for community change and define accountability for the delivery of project outcomes.

So that we can better understand the potential of this model, we will be developing our relationships with other key organizations in the community. We will also be aligning with MCB to understand change ideas by revisiting the 2018 vision outcomes. We look forward to continuing to serve our community well into the future.

Christopher Black
Chair - GMPRG

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- are struggling to afford food
- cannot keep on top of your bills
- are in debt

- are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home.

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

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

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

Waste and recycling missed bins

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

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

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

Background (if needed)

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

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

May 2022: Buckinghamshire Council and waste contractor, Veolia, made some vital improvements to bin collection rounds in the former Chiltern, Wycombe and South Bucks district areas. The round reorganisation, which was implemented from Monday 9 May 2022, was contractually required and agreed by Buckinghamshire Council and Veolia to ensure an efficient collection service operates in the south of the county. The new rounds undertake a 'zonal' approach to collections which keep collection vehicles closer together on collection days and introduce a more balanced and deliverable resource profile across all waste streams. The new approach allows for greater efficiencies, as roads which breach previous district boundaries can now be collected on the same day by the same crew.

Community boards will be at the county show on 1 September

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

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

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

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

Update on the £150 council tax energy rebate

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

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

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

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

Bucks Online Directory

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

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

Current and upcoming consultations

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

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

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

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

Buckingham & Villages (meeting 6 July)

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

High Wycombe (meeting 13 July)

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

Missendens (meeting 14 July)

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

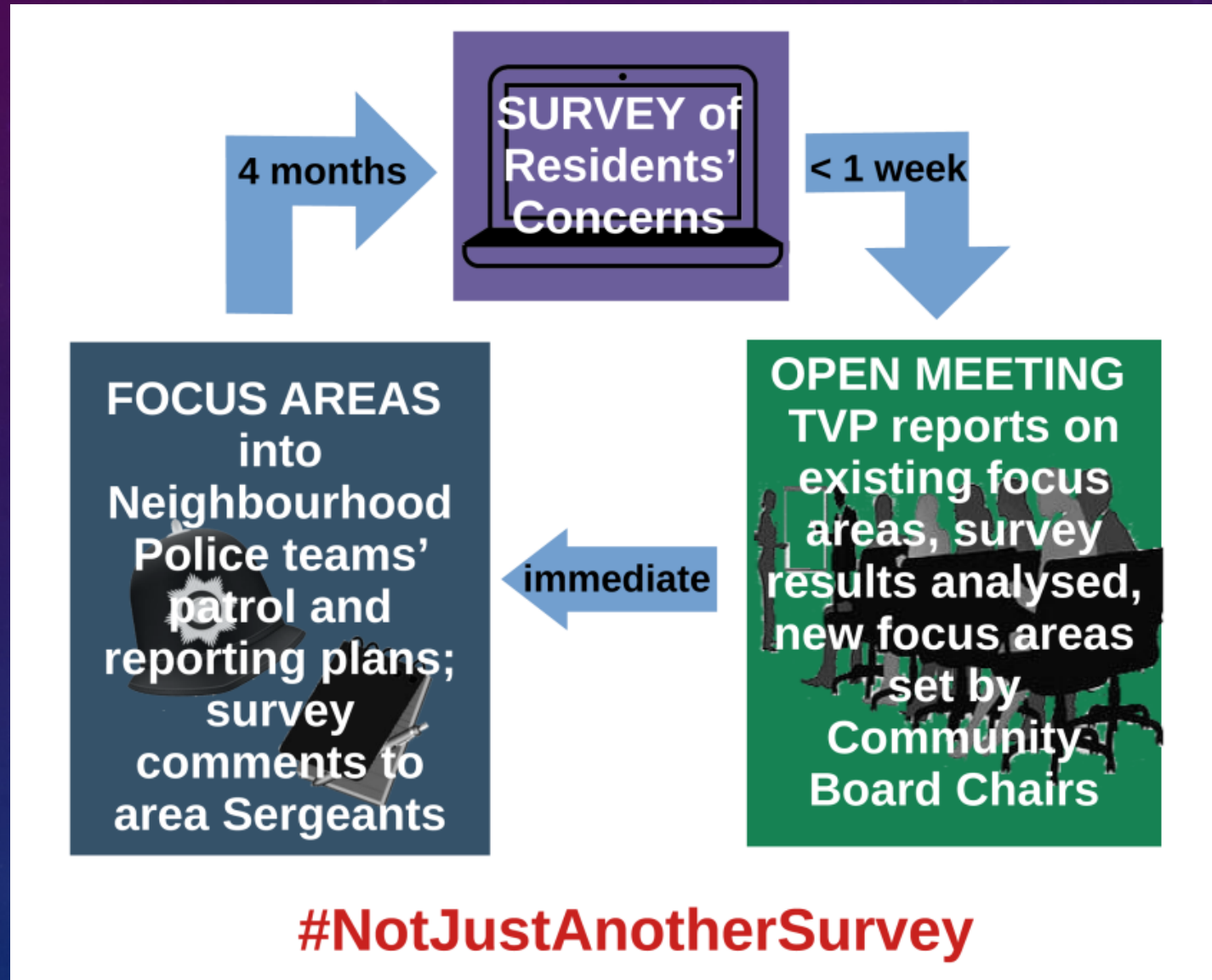
Winslow & Villages (meeting 28 July)

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

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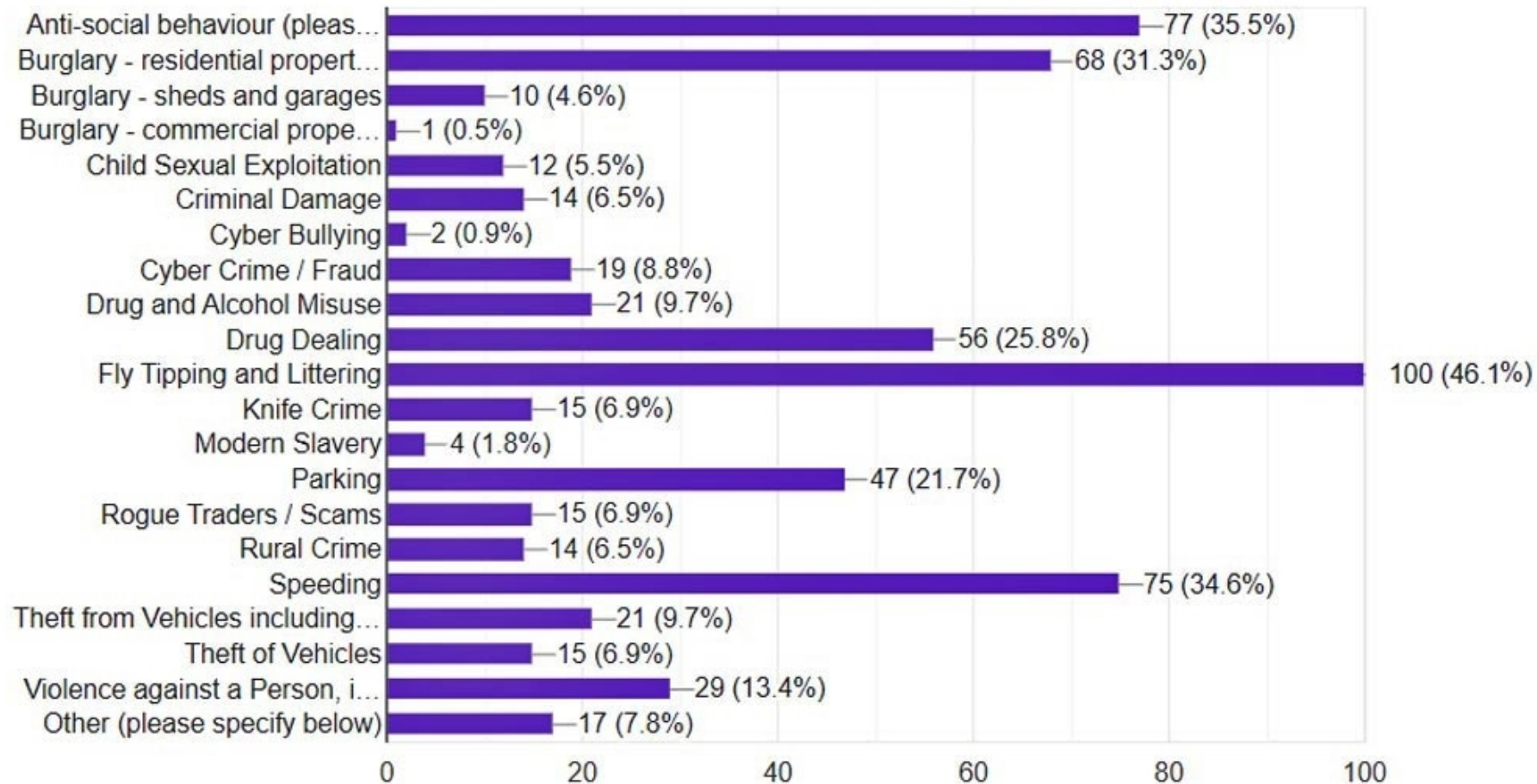
Chiltern & S Bucks Policing Issues Forum – the Process



#NotJustAnotherSurvey

Policing Issues Forum – Survey Results June/July 2022

1. Please select your top THREE neighbourhood priorities that our Neighbourhood Police and its partners should address over the next four months.



217 responses

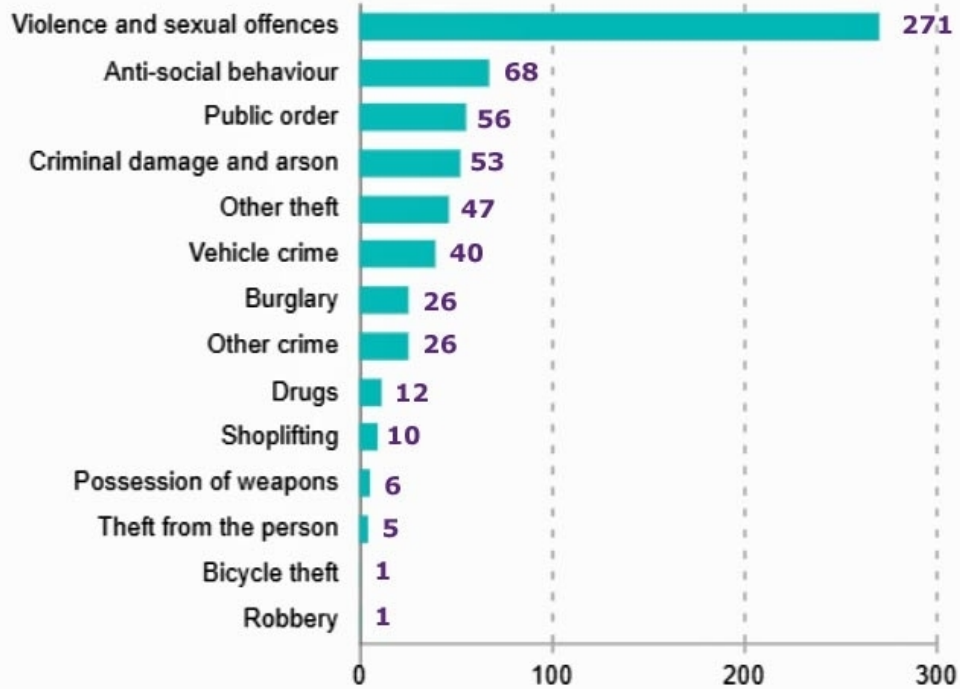
Top Residents' Concerns by Community Board Area - June/July 2022 C&SB Forum Survey

Amersham and Villages	Speeding (51%)	Fly Tipping & Littering (46%)	Residential Burglary (30%)
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Violence against a Person (41%)	Residential Burglary (37%)	ASB, Drug Dealing (29%)
Beeches	Fly Tipping & Littering (58%)	Residential Burglary (49%)	Drug Dealing (31%)
Chesham and Villages	Speeding, Fly Tipping & Littering (48%)		ASB (38%)
Denham, GX and Chalfonts	Fly Tipping & Littering (58%)	ASB (41%)	Speeding (38%)
Missendens	Speeding (63%)	ASB (46%)	Fly Tipping & Littering (38%)
Wexham and Iver	ASB (54%)	Fly Tipping & Littering (42%)	Drug Dealing (33%)
Under 18's	Speeding (53%)	ASB (46%)	Fly Tipping & Littering (42%)

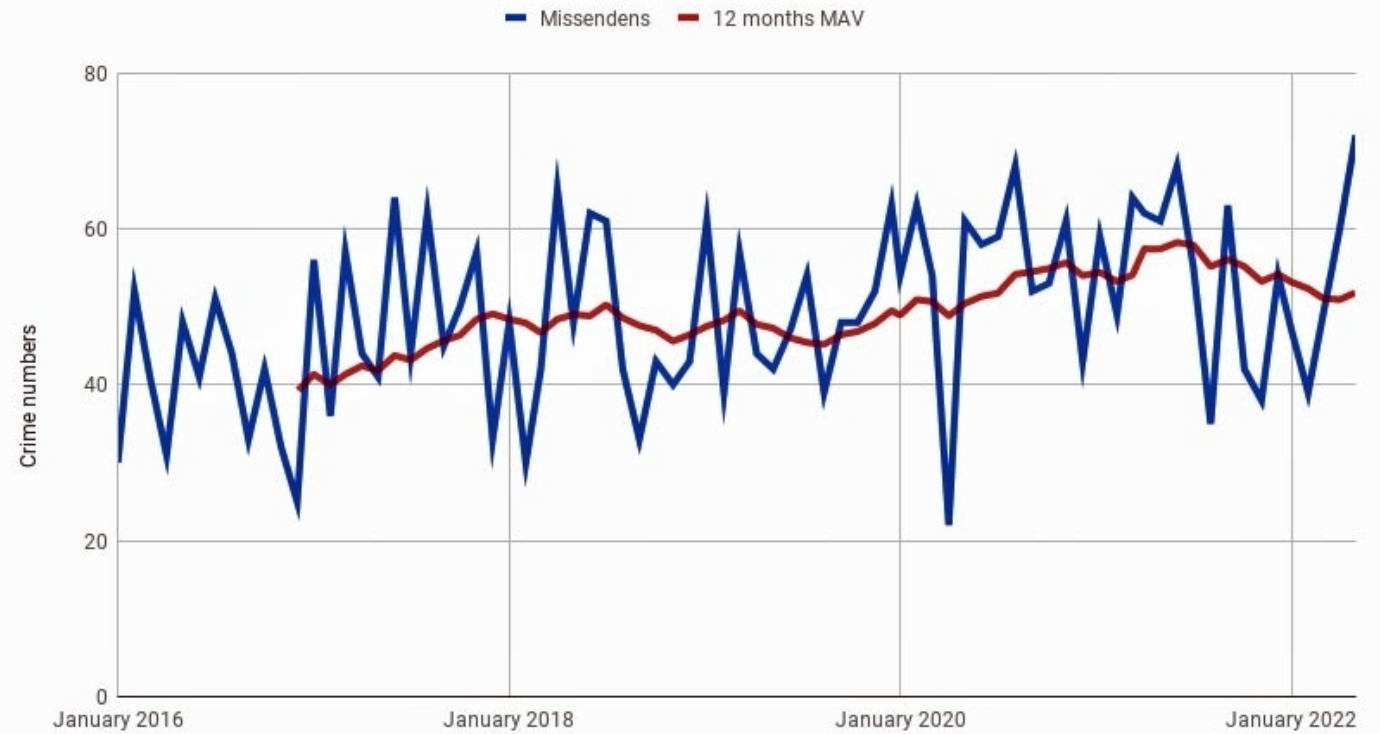
- Engagement of Missendens dropped in latest survey – 25 responses
- Speeding has been the top concern of Missendens CB for past 3 surveys – A413, A4128, Holmer Green etc
- ASB a diverse range of behaviours; Missendens comments quite largely reference younger residents.
- Fly Tipping/Littering concerns shared across region – Buckinghamshire Council lead agency
- Across Chiltern & South Bucks burglary stats higher than during lockdowns, but not yet returning to pre-pandemic levels, and Burglary no longer the dominant concern in recent resident surveys

Crime in the Missendens

POLICE.UK recorded crime, Missendens, last 12 months

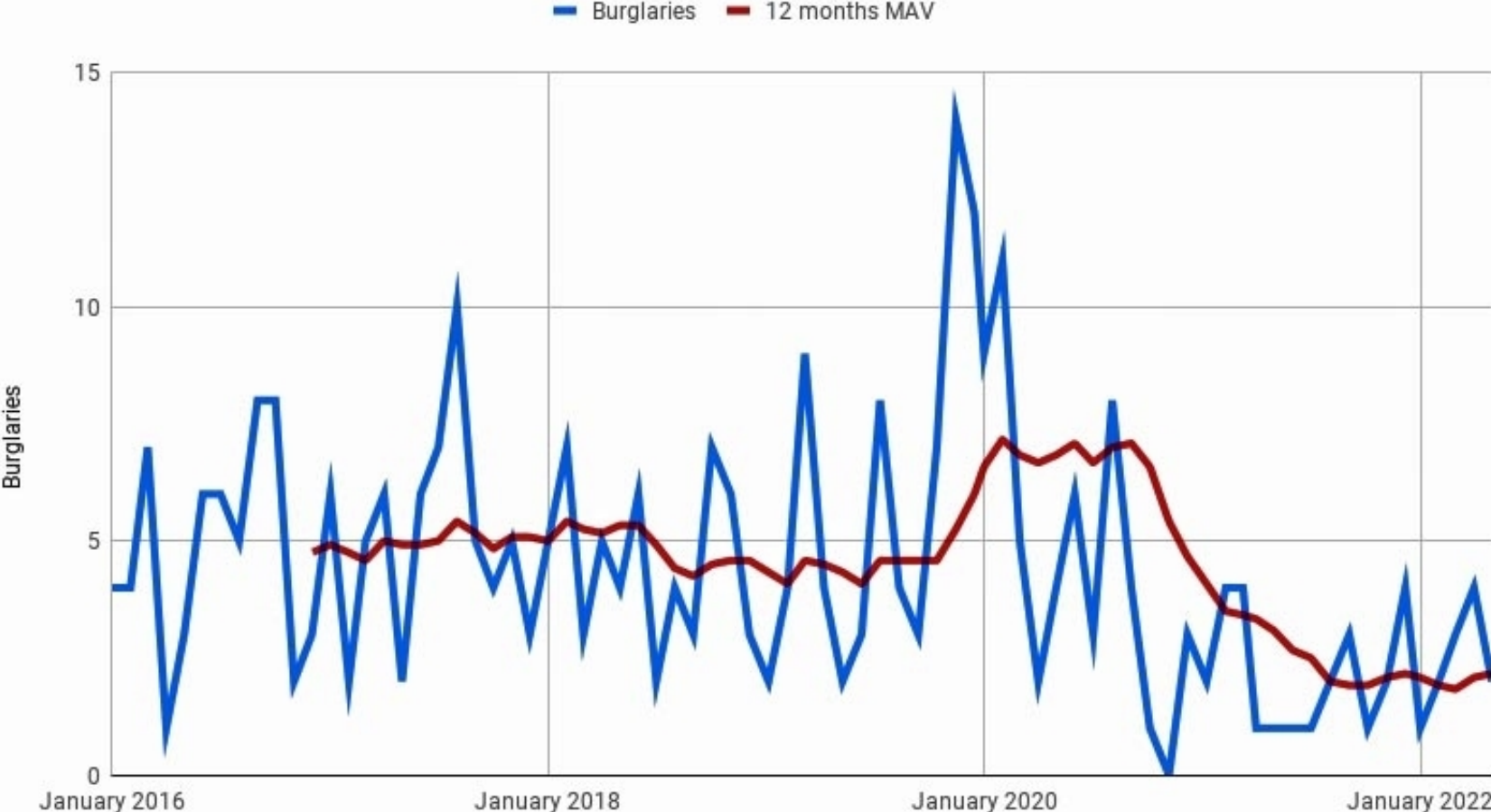


Missendens - Police.uk recorded crime 2016-2022

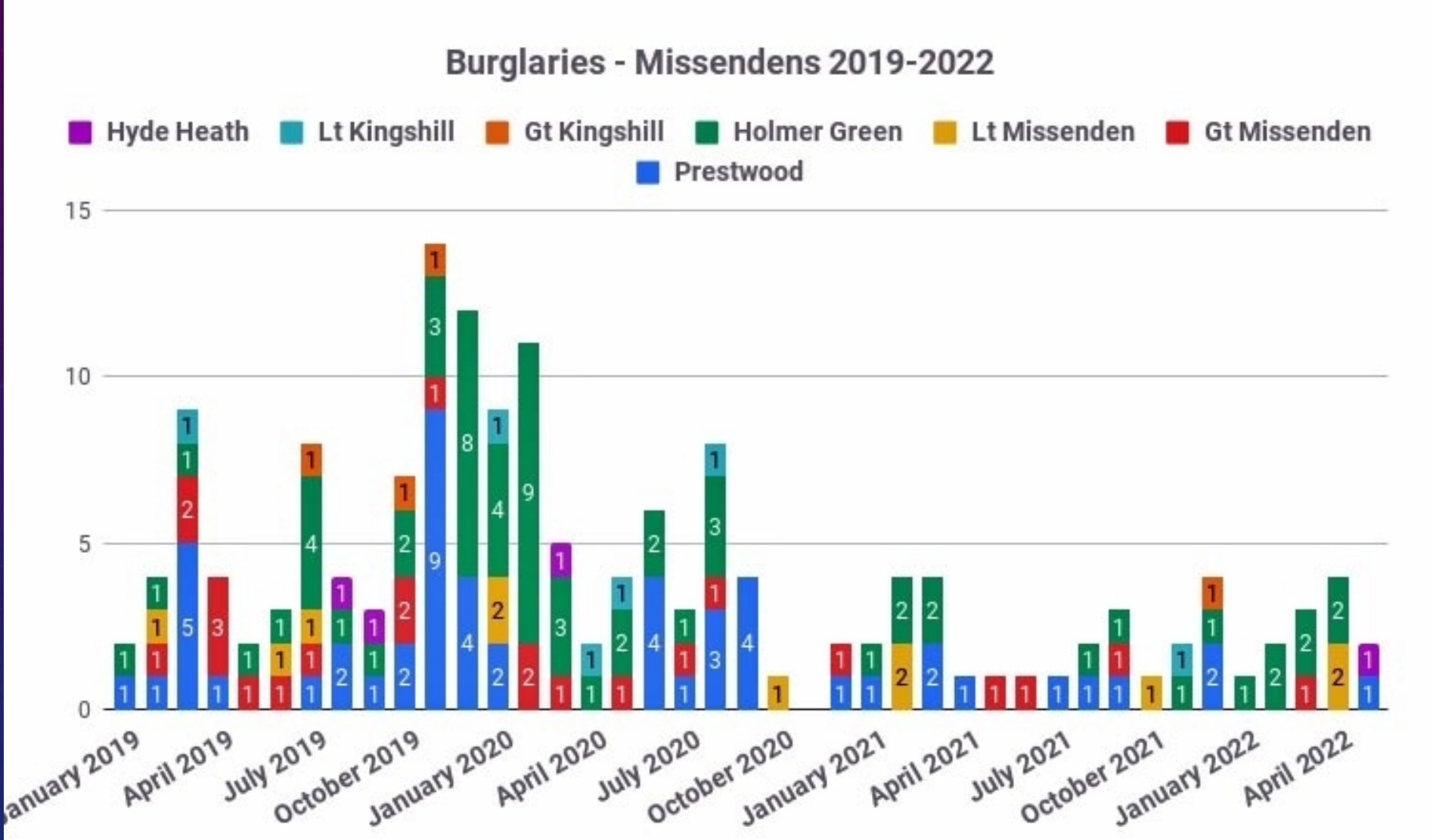


Burglary in the Missendens

Missendens - Police.uk recorded burglaries 2016-2022

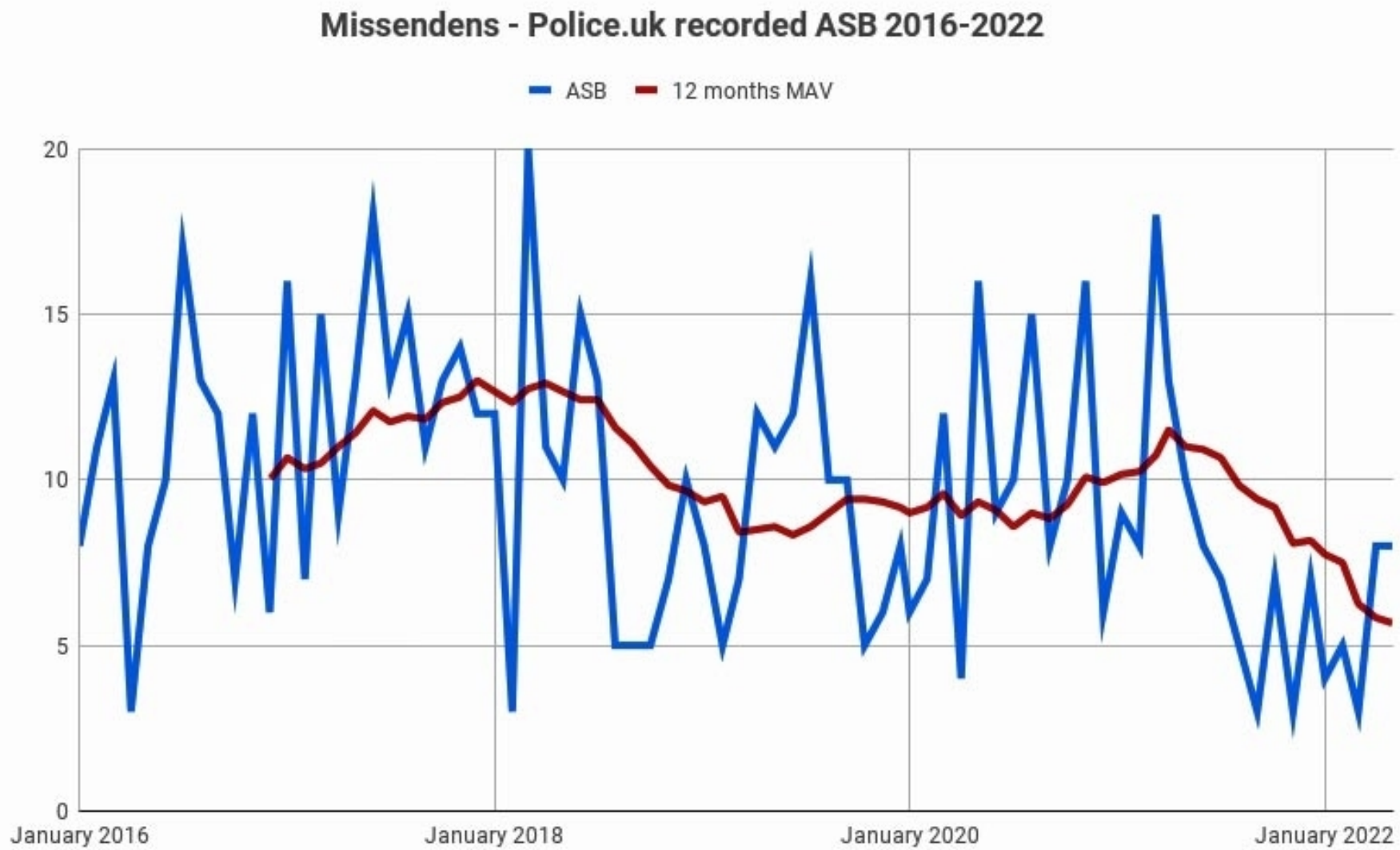


Burglary in the Missendens



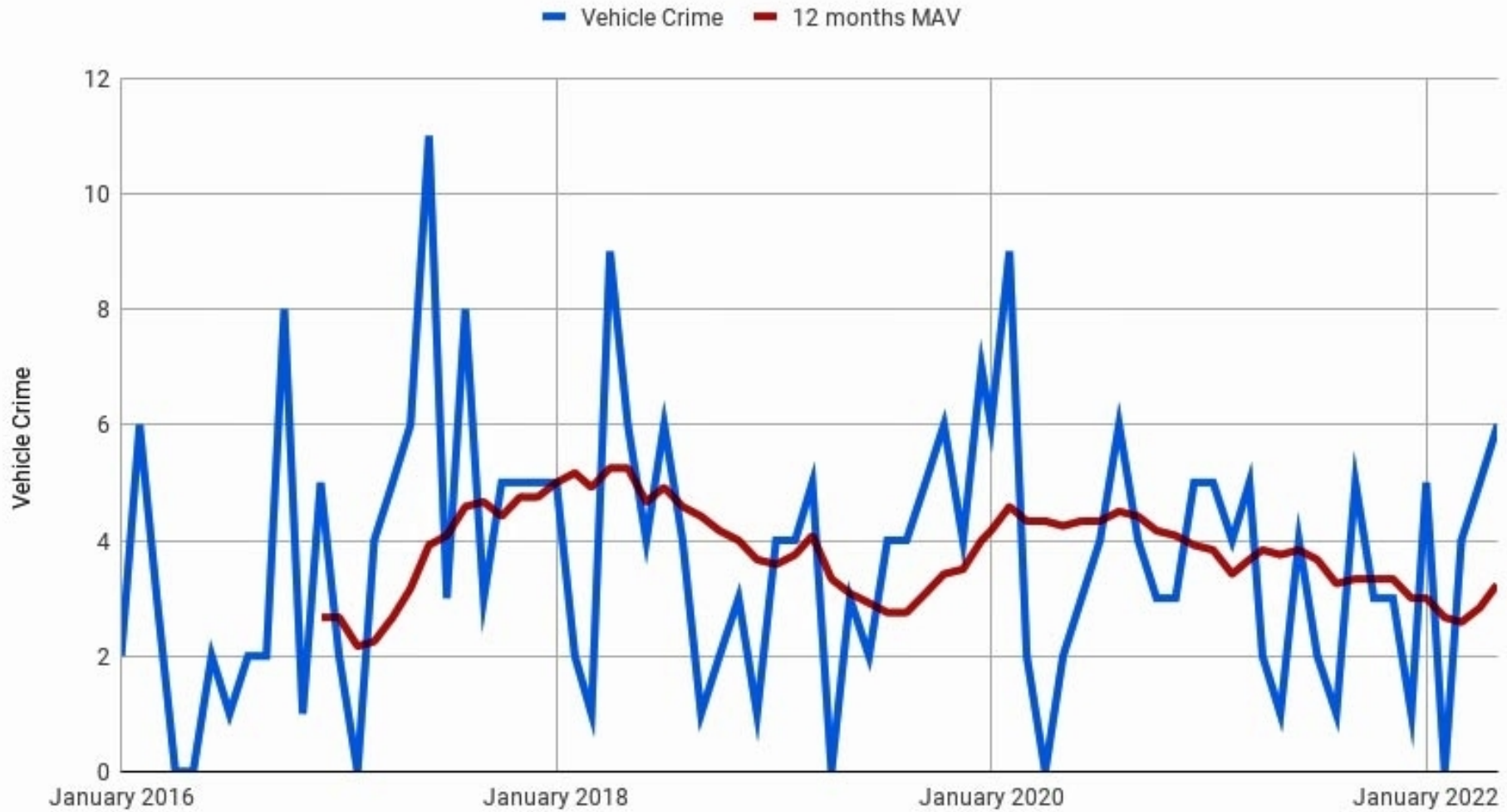
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Anti Social Behaviour in the Missendens



Vehicle Crime in the Missendens

Missendens - Police.uk recorded vehicle crime 2016-2022



Some messages from Forum meeting (12/8/22)

- “Broadly, crime levels are gradually returning to pre-pandemic levels.”
- Crime increases seen in vehicle crime (+24% yoy), Robbery (+53%), Weapons Possession (+124% from low base)
- Vehicle crime led by catalytic convertor and keyless thefts – take precautions
- Year-on-year rise to dwelling burglary 3%
- Despite rise in Police Officer numbers, a burden is falling on Neighbourhood Policing teams as PCs cover for Officers undertaking training courses

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING FOCUS AREAS

- SERIOUS ACQUISITIVE CRIME
- SPEEDING
- ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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Frith Hill (SHL) Footway - unsafe July 2022



Upper part of the footway was dangerously overgrown



- Leaves on the narrow footway in the winter and overgrown in the summer
- Incident: 11 year old was struck on the arm with a car wing mirror
- Deemed a safe route to school so no school bus – we need to make it safe!



Strimmed



Flailed but still not enough

BC Highways have flailed and are to side-out the upper part. However, the hedge needs cutting back severely and in some places the edge digging out, followed by the footway widened to at least 1 metre and re-asphalted.

Approach Dept for Transport, HS2 contractors, Community Board - support?

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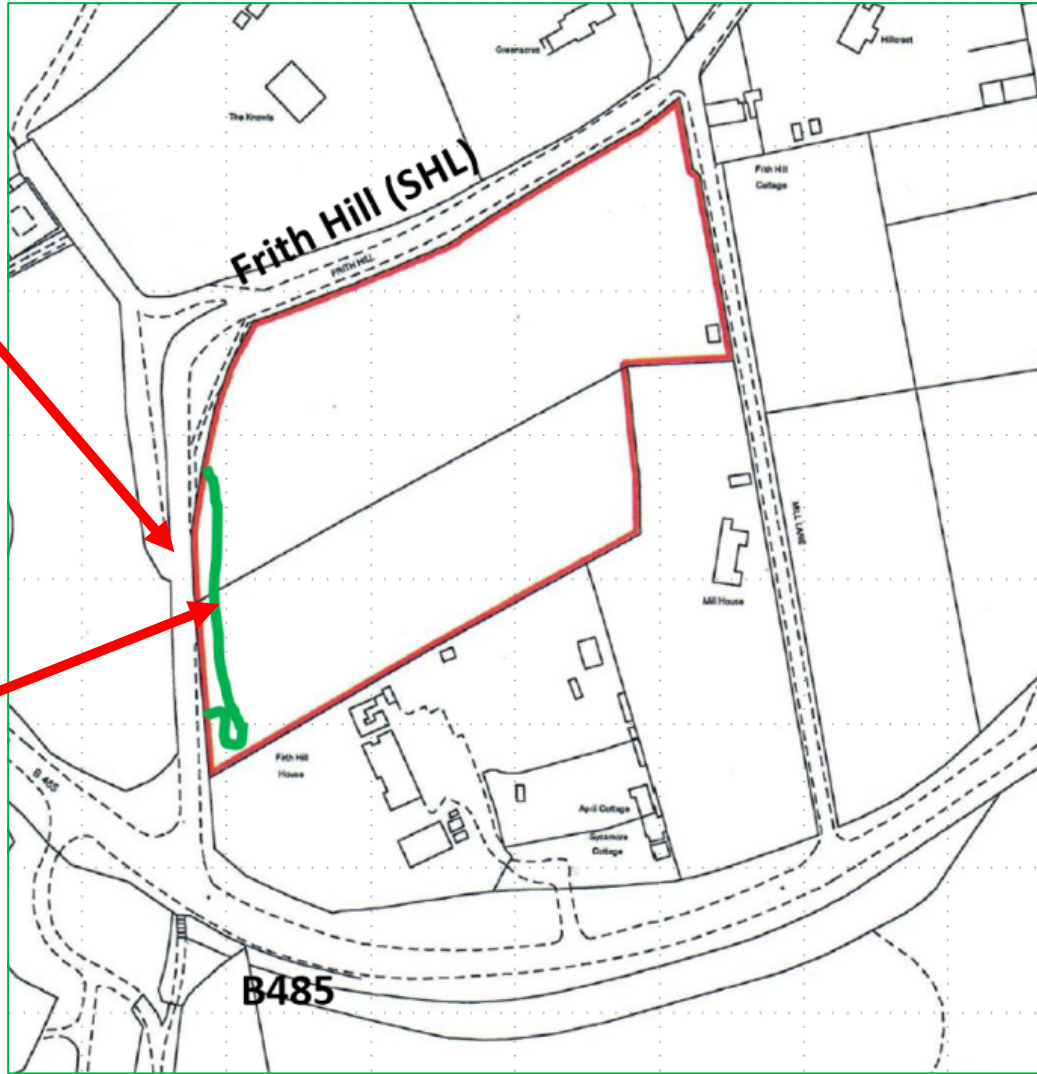
Frith Hill (SHL) Footway - unsafe July 2022

No footway in the lower part; have to walk in the road to get to the church and The Misbourne school with traffic speeding up the hill



Propose new footpath in **green** along the field including a ramp and railing down to the junction with the B485.

Approach Dept for Transport, HS2 contractors, Community Board - support?



Report for the meeting of 14/07/22 from Holmer Green Village Society since last Missendens Community Board Meeting

Holmer Green Village Society has been extremely active over the last four to five months in its quest to make Holmer Green a better place to live and work.

Activities include:

- Electing Simon Jones as the new chair to replace the late Eric Thickett.
- Continuing and extensive work on the Holmer Green Gardens project in Beechtree Road. The gardens now feature:
 - Nine sensory items including sound, feel, light with six more planned
 - Five benches for visitors to use as they sit and have a picnic or just relax in a quiet space
 - A woodery (stumpery) with sculptural deadwood from Coleman's Wood, on the ancient path 'King Street' which runs from the village to Little Missenden
 - Six new cherry trees funded by Missendens Community Board plus three ornamental cherry trees funded by Holmer Green Today Magazine and Holmer Green Sports Association
 - The beginnings of a picnic area where we hope to install accessible picnic benches
- A Queen's Platinum Jubilee event based around the Holmer Green Gardens, held on 3rd June where we served 100 cream teas and garden volunteers showed villagers around the work so far. Around 300 people attended and, as a result of comments at that event, the gardens are going to be renamed 'Holmer Green Jubilee Sensory Gardens'.
- Extensive work with LMPC on the proposed two housing developments in the area designated HW8. One development of 101 houses, by Inland Homes, will be accessed by a narrow road off Wycombe Road, Holmer Green. The Village Society, representing our 240 plus members, believes that this will put undue pressure on road, school and other facilities in Holmer Green while the council tax precept will go to Hazlemere Parish Council (while the access is in LMPC, the properties come under Hazlemere). Chair Simon Jones is speaking at an enquiry on this site next week.
- The Village Society is actively participating in the Neighbour Plan for the LMPC area.
- And finally, this Saturday sees our Music on the Common event with 30 plus stalls, an 80-car show, five hours of music, food, drinks & much, much more. We extend an open invitation to Community Board members to come along. More at <https://www.holmergreenvillagesociety.co.uk/music-on-the-common-2022>

Pete Healy, Vice Chair – 14.07.22

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Community Board Missendens

Funding Summary Report The Missendens Community Board Wednesday 19 October 2022

This paper provides an update on applications and spend by The Missendens Community Board for 2022/2023.

Community Board Funded Projects 2022-2023

The Community Board has funded schemes as detailed in the table below:

Organisation	Scheme Funded	Amount Awarded
Little Missenden PC	Installation of bench (provided by WI)	£210
Great Missenden PC	Speed Survey, Wycombe Road Prestwood	£600
MAY	Radio Presenter Training	£1,000
Little Kingshill Baptist Church	Outdoors Café Furniture	£960
Total:		£2,770

Applications approved from 2021-2022 reserves:

Organisation	Scheme Funded	Amount Awarded
Great Missenden PC	Church Street parking	£7,928
Great Missenden PC	Parking review – Honor Road/Broombarn Lane	£10,451
Total:		£18,379

Applications currently being processed:

Organisation	Scheme Funded	Amount Awarded
Colts Football Club	Conversion of pavilion to a café	£15,000
Holmer Green Sports Association	Artificial grass pitch	£10,000
Total:		



Community Board Missendens

The following projects have been identified by the community for consideration for funding:

Organisation	Scheme
Plan-it Prestwood	Community Fridge
Great Missenden PC	Prestwood Community Centre improvements
Great Missenden PC	New equipment for the Common area
GM&P Revitalisation group	Bike racks for Prestwood
Little Kingshill Baptist Church	New Community building
Various	Christmas events
MAY	Activities and actions from the Youth Survey results
Little Missenden PC	Bike racks for Holmer Green



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

Buckinghamshire Council Update September 2022

Help in these difficult times

As we move into autumn there's one issue above all others that stands out and that, of course, is the current cost of living pressures, especially where energy and food bills are concerned.

This is impacting everyone; businesses, residents and particularly those who are already struggling. For some households the prospect of what winter will bring is extremely worrying. Many people are in need now and want to know what extra support is coming in the winter months.

The council is taking a range of actions to help residents with the cost of living and it's a package of support that will continue to develop over the coming months.

The community boards have a critical role to play in this, both in helping to identify areas of need and supporting the provision of help. Work is already underhand looking at how best boards where it is appropriate can help with this work.

Support available to those who need it:

Helping Hand

The council's Helping Hand team offers advice, help and information to people who need it, including financial help to cover the food and energy costs to households in crisis, as well as helping with paying for other essentials like sanitary items and nappies. The team is available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

Our Helping Hand programme provides support to local individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship. They can call the team on 01296 531 151 or use the [online contact form](#). You can read more about the help available on the [dedicated section of our website](#).

The Helping Hand team is issuing Post Office vouchers to some 8,000 pensioners in Buckinghamshire who are in receipt of Council Tax reduction or who have previously been supported by Helping Hand; this will ensure there is support available to those who need it most.

'Welcoming Spaces'

We will be joining forces with other organisations across Buckinghamshire to create a network of welcoming spaces this winter, to assist when the weather turns colder.

Starting with council libraries, these locations will provide a warm, welcoming and supportive space for anyone who needs it. Anyone who comes in from the cold will be welcomed and will be guaranteed respect, dignity and warmth; the aim is to offer a friendly ear and, overall, to create

places that help people save on their heating bills and that also offer advice and support. This is an example of an area where community boards can play a key role in working within their communities to identify potential welcoming spaces and help set them up.

Information and advice

Our fantastic network of volunteer groups and charity organisations plays a vital role in providing community support and specialist advice and information. We have created a [‘Cost of Living’ section on our website](#) to make it easier to find advice and information. You can also search our [Family Information Service website](#) for more information on the wider support and advice available to any households that need it.

There are a number of great community projects that offer help in different ways. For example, take a look at the [‘Grow It, Cook It, Eat It’ project](#) that the council supports and we have already seen being developed through community boards. This includes a range of initiatives that help with the cost of food, ensure food isn’t wasted and has a number of health and environmental benefits. Local initiatives like this play a vital part in the overall general support available to residents who need a helping hand.

There is also the support on offer from central government this winter. This is the current package:

- Eligible residents in receipt of disability benefits will receive a £150 cost of living payment from 20 September.
- All households in Great Britain will receive a £400 discount on their electricity bills this winter, applied in six monthly instalments, automatically coming off bills, starting in October.
- In addition to this, households on means tested benefits including Universal Credit, Pension Credit and Tax Credits will receive a Cost of Living payment of £650 this year.

You can find out more about these payments on the government’s website [here](#) and access wider information about the overall support available to households via [their website](#) – this contains information on transport and childcare costs too.

In addition, the websites of the main energy providers contain valuable tips about how to save energy in the home.

Highways – a new contract and what it means for community boards

Maintaining and improving the roads in the county is one of the issues that matter most to residents and is a top priority for Buckinghamshire Council.

As you will be aware, Buckinghamshire Council will be starting new highways contracts in April next year and this will have an impact on community board projects currently in the pipeline. It is also an opportunity to build in a delivery model with community boards in mind.

The current situation

Across all the community boards there are currently about 58 projects which have been agreed and funding committed but are yet to be completed by the outgoing contractor (Transport for Bucks, TfB). The status of these approved projects is as follows:

- 22 projects are rated Green and are scheduled to be completed by the end of March next year

- 10 projects have been rated as Amber and delivered to a gateway stage ready for the new contractor to take forward eg. design, feasibility
- 26 projects are rated as Red and are under review but may not be started at all because of their complexity or the time to implement overlaps with the change in Highway's service provider.

All Amber and Red projects continue to be reviewed with TFB to determine if any can be delivered under the current contract by March 2023. Updates will be provided if the situation changes. Furthermore, the Highways service will work closely with our new service provider to determine if they are able to deliver any amber and red projects prior to the contract start date in April 2023.

There are also about 55 projects that have been proposed with PIDs drafted for which no decision to proceed has yet been taken. These projects will not be taken forward until the new contract has started to ensure that they are priced correctly by the new service provider and firm timescales can be agreed for implementation.

Boards can still reserve funding for these schemes from the current 2022/23 budget, but the final prices will need to be confirmed with our new service provider. You can also continue to discuss highways priorities and solutions.

Balfour Beatty Living Places has already been awarded the new highways maintenance contract and the new consultancy contractor will be announced in late September. The council will be working with the new contractors and outgoing contractors Ringway Jacobs to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements under the name Buckinghamshire Highways.

Community Board Chairmen have been invited to a Highways Stakeholder Conference on 13th October.

Looking Forward

As advised already, given the changes to the highway service, Boards should not accept any additional applications highway schemes in 2022/23 and no further projects should be submitted for consideration for 2023/24. Community Boards will be consulted on the development of a new protocol and process for Highway schemes during the transition to the new contract ready for April 23, please therefore keep any new schemes on hold pending the new process for taking these forward.

The new highways working arrangement will include a community-based design delivery model for small schemes specifically for Community Boards to develop their local highway schemes. We will also provide greater clarification on which highway schemes are appropriate for Community Board to bring forward.

Additionally, and to further help support Community Boards, a 'menu of options' will be developed for small highways schemes that show the indicative prices and implementation timescales for a range of suitable small local highways schemes to better inform the Boards in decision making.

Any partners currently with a live scheme on the RAG list will continue to receive communication from the TfB/project technician and their Community Board Manager, and community boards, Highways and TfB will continue to work closely during the transition.

While we appreciate the delay to delivering schemes will be disappointing, the new approach being adopted does highlight the commitment to the work of the Boards in delivering local highway improvements in the new contract.

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

Arrivals from Ukraine are still coming into our county with 700 hosts now offering accommodation to over 1,200 Ukrainian guests.

We continue to work hard to make sure the families can access schooling, work, finance, practical items, English language lessons and emotional support through our Helping Hand for Ukraine scheme – further details at [A Helping Hand for Ukraine | Buckinghamshire Council](#).

We recognised the significance of Ukraine Independence Day (24 August) as everyone reflected on their personal journey and loss. The summer break also brought the challenge of keeping our younger guests occupied and this year we offered free holiday activities and food on the HAF scheme and Boredom buster bags from our partners LEAP.

We also continue to work with our voluntary sector colleagues and local community groups, now with an eye on the new challenges coming up. We also have over 150 staff in sponsor liaison roles, in addition to their day jobs, who keep regular one-to-one contact with sponsor households.

We recognise that Ukraine families living in Buckinghamshire will be concerned about what happens when their current sponsorship arrangements come to an end. This is especially a concern for those families that have settled into communities and schools. In some locations, it will be challenging to find alternative accommodation locally due to a lack of availability and high housing costs. We want to help our guests from the Ukraine as much as we can and are looking at solutions which will require all tiers of government, the private and voluntary sector to work together. Options being considered include:

1. Extend with sponsor – If both parties are happy to stay together then once agreed the guests can continue living in the same area and keep their local support network.
2. Rematch with a new sponsor – The Council will help the guests rematch with a new sponsor home or the guests can find their own rematch, although this could mean they would need to move to a different area which would impact on their support networks including schools/employment.
3. Private rental – Guests can look at renting privately if they can afford this. High rents across the south east make finding affordable housing difficult for many. Some guests may be eligible for a Local Housing Allowance to help meet rental costs and we will help them find out if this support is available to them. The Council may also be able to help with a deposit guarantee and one month's rent upfront. Again this could mean guests having to move to a different area if there is no affordable private rental accommodation locally.
4. Social housing – All guests are eligible to apply to join the Council's housing register. However, there is a very high demand for social housing in Buckinghamshire, so depending on the type and size of property they are looking for, there is likely to be a long wait for a property.

On top of the housing issue, there is the cost of living crisis hitting us all – the impact on both hosts and guests is already evident so we are working with central Government to make sure Bucks'

residents' voices are heard; tangible, long-term solutions are found; and we can continue to support both our residents and our guests.

Waste and recycling missed bins and garden waste charges

Missed bins

Unfortunately, in some pockets of the former Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe district areas of Buckinghamshire, disruption as a result of re-organising waste rounds continues. Although on average 99.6% of bins are being collected successfully every day since the start of the reorganisation, there are still a significant number of bin collections being missed every week.

Our contractor Veolia continues to work at bringing service levels up to the standard that we expect. The council is continuing to hold Veolia to account for delivering greater progress and meeting the required standard and is closely monitoring the service.

We continue to ask any residents experiencing pockets of poor service to report missed bins on the council website (www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/missed-bin) as soon as they can.

Garden waste charges

New garden waste subscription arrangements began on Monday 26 September. A campaign has been running to raise awareness of the change and the need to subscribe to the service to have garden waste collected from this date. The service is now a single chargeable 'opt-in' garden waste collection service, at a cost of £50 per bin per year (or reusable bags for properties not suitable for wheeled bins).

This means anyone who has previously received free collections of garden waste will now have to subscribe, paying an annual fee to continue receiving fortnightly kerbside garden waste collections from the council. Our household recycling sites continue to provide free disposal of garden waste for anyone not wanting to pay for the subscription service.

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

New on-demand PickMeUp service for Wycombe

Described as a cross between a bus and taxi service, a new 'demand responsive' service was launched by the council and Carousel on 27 September in the High Wycombe area as part of a pilot scheme funded by the Government's Rural Mobility Fund. The trial service will run for three years, with scope to run for longer if successful, and an Aylesbury pilot is due to launch later in the autumn.

Sitting under Carousel's 'PickMeUp' brand, the Wycombe pilot will serve several communities, including Booker, Daws Hill, Wooburn Green, Wycombe Marsh, Loudwater and Downley. These either have a limited bus service or a route which only serves part of the community. The PickMeUp service will also improve access to areas with steeper gradients.

Users will be able to book one of five fully accessible minibuses to collect them either directly from their home, or from one of the 500+ pickup points in the local area. Ideal for those who may not have access to a bus stop either by their home, or a service that operates direct to their desired

destination, the DRT service is quick and easy to use for commuters, students, and people with accessibility issues.

Buses can be booked in advance of a trip via an app (through which passengers can also pay for tickets and track buses in real time) or by calling 01494 296021. Buses can be booked in advance, or on the day of travel, and will run from Monday to Friday, 6am-7pm. Journeys will only cost a little more than a local bus service – between £2 and £3.50 per trip depending on distance travelled, and concessionary bus passes will be accepted for free travel.

Community boards success at county show

The county show was a fantastic success for the community boards, it was a great opportunity to reach a huge number of residents and also other organisations that we could network with in the future.

The main themes coming through were lack of activities for young people, better bus services including community buses, speeding and litter issues. In addition, we managed to sign up more residents to receive our newsletters.

In summary, it was a great event for us to attend.

Town and Parish Charter

Buckinghamshire Council's Town & Parish Charter was agreed and published on our website in July. This charter is founded on our respect for all councils in Buckinghamshire as independent, democratically accountable bodies and has one simple aim – to articulate and demonstrate our commitment to working together to serve the people of Buckinghamshire.

Community boards have a great record of working with our local councils and this charter is essential reading – you can view it at [Town and Parish Charter | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Better enforcement for moving traffic offences

Buckinghamshire Council is one of a handful of local authorities in England outside of London to have successfully applied for powers to enforce moving traffic offences (MTOs) that were previously only enforceable by the police. These offences are where drivers ignore restrictions in place at a location – for example driving through a no entry sign, making banned turns, entering a yellow box junction without a clear exit or driving on bus or taxi routes.

The new enforcement powers will make use of automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology at 14 locations across Bucks. The locations were listed as part of a consultation about support for the council's plan to apply for the powers from February to April 2022; they are places where restrictions have been in place already for some time for road safety reasons or to prevent traffic congestion.

The locations where cameras will start to be installed from December will be highlighted through council communications. Signage will be erected well in advance at the camera locations to give drivers plenty of notice of the enforcement powers.

The cabinet decision can be seen at

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=17388&x=1>

Local Heritage Listings

Buckinghamshire Council is one of 22 local authorities to receive funding to develop a Local Heritage List as part of a national initiative to improve the provision and standard of locally held Lists of Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHA). The list seeks to identify locally significant assets and celebrate their contribution to local identity and character.

Developing this list provides a rare opportunity for Buckinghamshire residents to nominate important assets around the county that are not currently listed but that have significant heritage interest. By adding these heritage assets to a Local Heritage List we can ensure their local importance is recognised and taken into account in the planning process.

Once on the list, these assets become known as Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs). They differ from those sites that have statutory protection and national designations, such as Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments and Registered Parks and Gardens.

Working with a team of volunteers, we are currently assessing over 2,000 nominations ranging from mileposts, street art and open spaces to historic buildings, water mills and chapels. We intend to adopt a phase one local list this winter, with a phase two in 2023. For more information visit [Home - Buckinghamshire's Local Heritage List \(local-heritage-list.org.uk\)](https://local-heritage-list.org.uk) or email localheritagelist@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Current and upcoming consultations

Share your community safety concerns to help us keep Buckinghamshire safe

The [Safer Buckinghamshire Board](#) is a local Community Safety Partnership that brings together experts from the police, fire service, probation, health and social care services. The board develops an annual action plan to reduce crime in Buckinghamshire and help keep it a safe place to live and work.

To develop this plan, the Safer Buckinghamshire Board is conducting an annual Community Safety survey to hear resident views on:

- The impact of crime, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol issues where you live or work
- Your experience of reporting crimes
- How safe or unsafe you feel in Buckinghamshire

The survey is open to anyone living or working in Buckinghamshire and is **running until Sunday 16 October**. Have your say and complete the survey below for a chance to win a £100 supermarket voucher*: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/communities/safety-2022>. The results of the survey will be combined with an analysis of all crimes that happen in the county to help Safer Bucks set priorities for the year. *Terms and Conditions apply

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.

Hazlemere Neighbourhood Plan – Publication of plan proposal – Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Hazlemere Parish Council has produced a Draft Neighbourhood Plan covering the entire parish area. The reason we are writing to you is because you have previously commented on the neighbourhood plan, or are a statutory body we need to inform.

The Neighbourhood Plan is being publicised in advance of an examination. The consultation period runs until midnight on the 10th November 2022.

The neighbourhood plan documents, comment form and further information can be found on the Your Voice Bucks website:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/hazlemere-neighbourhood-plan/>

Please note all comments must be received before midnight on 10th November 2022. Any comments received after this time will not be accepted or taken into account.