



Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board held on Tuesday 27 September 2022 via MS Teams Virtual Meeting, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.10 pm.

BC Councillors present

A Waite (Chairman), P Irwin, J Jordan, I Macpherson, M Rand and G Smith

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

S Judge (Brill Parish Council), R List (Stone, Hartwell and Bishopstone Parish Council), J Mole (Oakley Parish Council), E Slater (Brill Parish Council), S Terry (Waddesdon Parish Council) and A Thawley (Haddenham Parish Council).

Others in attendance

S Allen, R Binstead, J Cook, D Garwood, E Hassall, M Holt, L Jeffries, L Macpherson, A Opoka, Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Clerk, and R Tackley.

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome and introduction to the Community Board

The Chairman welcomed members and guests to the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors A Macpherson, S Lewin, and F Mahon. Apologies were also received from Nick Morgan (Aston Sandford Parish Council Clerk) and Barbara Colbert (Ickford Parish Council).

3 Notes from the previous meeting

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ashley Waite declared a personal interest in item 6, Spotlight on local charities, as consultant of the Bernwode Community Bus.

Councillor Paul Irwin declared a personal interest in item 6, Spotlight on local charities, as Chairman of the Bernwode Community Bus.

5 **Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service - Prevention Strategy for the over 80's**

Joanne Cook, Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager for Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, was in attendance to present the item. J Cook's presentation is appended to the minutes. In addition to going through the slides, the following points were raised:

- The three primary areas of work:
 - Response – The summer of 2022 had seen extreme weather and wildfires.
 - Protection – Regarding fire safety in commercial buildings and common parts of others e.g. stairwells, landings, balconies, doors. The area also covers fire safety complaint and consult on licensing applications.
 - Prevention – To engage with the community to reduce fire risk and provide fire safety advice to those in single private dwellings. It was noted that during July and August 2022, 90-91% of activity was with those defined as the most vulnerable in the community.
- The Prevention Strategy for 2022 to 2025, which would be available on the [Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service website](#) once approved.
- The cost-of-living package available nationally from 5th October to provide specific fire safety advice for the colder months.
- Home fire safety visits. It was explained that family members and neighbours can refer people who they think would benefit from a visit (with their consent). Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service also introduced a carer package to train them to identify risk free of charge. J Cook appealed to agencies who are interested in learning more about identifying potential risks and becoming a referral partner to get in touch.
- The online home fire safety check with a translation feature including Ukrainian and Russian.
- Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service was involved in the Operational Violence Reduction Unit, Strategic Violence Reduction Unit, and preventing violence against women and girls. A national early intervention framework had been launched to assist in the development of diversionary programmes to prevent violence and fire being used as a weapon.

The Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service had entered a primary authority partnership with 2 major housing associations in the area. They had previously trained all housing officers in one housing association to recognise risk of fire. This was presented as a workshop and is open to other housing providers willing to engage with the Fire and Rescue Service.

6 **Spotlight on local charities**

Brill Parish Councillors Jennifer Tuffley and Emi Slater were in attendance to present an overview of the "Brill with Ukraine" group. It was explained that they meet every fortnight as a way to share information and resolve issues. Some of their activities included organising volunteers to help support guests, matching potential hosts with guests from Ukraine, and organising emergency accommodation with individuals who were willing to host for a few weeks. It was noted that Ross Tackley, Community Board Manager for Chesham & Villages and Representative for

Community Boards for the Ukraine Team, had been attending meetings to help answer questions. It was identified that they were looking for a car to support travel for a Ukrainian guest and had reached out to local garages.

The following key points were raised in discussion:

- Ukrainian guests were arriving on a six-month visa and could apply to stay for up to three years. In this time, they were entitled to UK benefits and are able to work.
- A willingness to seek employment, as it was noted that guests were prioritising finding work in order to send money back to Ukraine. Individuals had been able to organise work with the local pub, cover for an office job, and volunteering through NHS links.
- A focus has been on learning English, as some saw their stay as temporary and weren't looking to settle in the long-term.
- There had been an increase in attendance in families from surrounding villages such as Chearsley.
- Housing after the initial six months had been a concern.

Morgan Holt was present to speak about the "Long Crendon for Ukraine" support group. The following key points were highlighted:

- The group identified the primary needs for Guests including clothes, household items, toys, clubs, hospitality and events, professional counselling, assistance with paperwork and admin, language support, and transport. The needs of the Hosts were identified as pastoral and community support.
- The group organised six sub-groups to target specific need areas, each with a corresponding coordinator and team of volunteers.
- It was recognised that support areas had different lifespans, with activities sourcing clothing, transport and help with documentation winding down. It was noted that language support had been expanding at both beginner and intermediate level.
- The group recognised the challenges faced by Guests and Hosts when coming to the end of the 6-month hosting period. It was noted that Tess Honeybell, Rothschild Foundation, was providing helpful support with this and helping Guests find alternative accommodation.
- In reference to a previous question on employment opportunities for Guests, M Holt explained that there was a job agency located in Long Crendon that specialised in work for Eastern European workers, who had been useful in identifying suitable employment.

In the discussion that followed, the disparity between the treatment of Ukrainian refugees and other refugee groups was raised. It was explained that the Ukrainian response was driven by central government, as the Homes for Ukraine Scheme gave financial support to Hosts and supported Guests through 3-year visas. E Slater stated that this experience shows the public that approaches taken towards asylum seekers and refugees can be changed to be more supportive.

E Hassall explained that Agnieszka Alborzpour, who was scheduled to give an update

on the Waddesdon Hall Ukraine Support Group, was unable to attend. On A Alborzpour's behalf, E Hassall described the Waddesdon Hall "thank you" event, which was held on 24 August 2022. The event was to thank the local community for their continued support and to celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day. The full update would be attached to the minutes.

Councillor Ashley Waite and Councillor Paul Irwin gave an update on the Bernwode Bus, which provides community transport. The Community Board were informed of the following projects:

- Eco Warriors to support environmental activities such as litter picking.
- Utilising Heart of Bucks funding to provide transport support to Ukrainian refugees.
- Bernie's Buddies organising day trips for those aged over 65.
- Bernie's "Eat Out to Keep Warm" pilot scheme to give out 150 £10 food vouchers to people in Waddesdon, Ashendon, Wescott and Quainton.
- 9 Christmas projects including music runs, food collections for food banks, and meeting Santa for breakfast in Quainton.
- Bernie's Food Appeal with a total of 26 food collection points including Haydon Hill, Stone, Brill, and Oakley. Councillor P Irwin stated that a minimum of half a tonne of food was being delivered to the Vineyard food bank as a result.
- 5000 Can Challenge to get organisations such as schools, Parish Councils, Churches, and charities to request that attendees bring 1 can of food to events to reach a target of 5000 cans donated to foodbanks.

Councillor Greg Smith enquired into transportation for day trips on behalf of a residential care home in Haddenham. They were encouraged to get in touch with the Bernwode Bus, as they had supported similar ventures with the Waddesdon Wednesday Club and Quainton Club.

7 Community Board and Funding update

Elaine Hassall, Community Board Manager, presented this item and the corresponding presentation referred to in this meeting is appended to the minutes. The following points were highlighted:

- The purpose of the community board was stated as identifying and agreeing on priorities, helping fund local projects, bringing people together through action groups and forums, and identifying partners who can help achieve aims.
- It was explained that individuals can get involved by showing support for applications through the funding emails, join an action group or forum, receive the bi-monthly newsletter, raise a project idea, or attend a community event.
- The voting matrix included in funding emails depicting value for money, lasting impact, sustainability, whether it applies to a community board priority, and involvement. It was explained that its purpose is to inform recipients what is a suitable project to support using a points scale, with 25 points as a maximum.

- E Hassall appealed to organisations interested in supporting workshops to assist with cycling and bikes in the local community to get in touch.
- The Health and Wellbeing event scheduled on Tuesday 25th October at the Haddenham Village Hall. Local venues were encouraged to contact E Hassall if they were interested in hosting a community event.
- Transport for Bucks projects including Kingswood and Wotton Underwood traffic calming schemes that were both on target to be completed in 2022.
- HS2 Road Safety Fund projects had been taken forward to the next stage and would be subject to a viability assessment.

8 Community Matters (opportunity for residents and members to raise pre-submitted issues and public questions)

Lloyd Jeffries, Service Director for Resources and Business Operations, was present to give a Buckinghamshire Council update. The briefing referred to in the meeting is appended to the minutes. The following points were raised:

- Buckinghamshire Council successfully applied for powers to enforce moving traffic offences such as driving through a no entry sign. This will utilise automatic number plate recognition technology at 14 locations across Buckinghamshire.
- Highways contract update in April 2023 and the impact on Community Board projects. 58 projects had been agreed across all Community Boards. 22 of these were rated green, indicating that they were scheduled to be completed by March 2023. 10 projects were rated amber, meaning that they were due to be delivered to a gateway stage, ready to for the new contractor to take forward. 26 projects were rated red and may not be started due to their complexity or timescales. L Jeffries stated that both amber and red projects would continue to be reviewed to determine whether they could be delivered prior to the new contractor starting date in April 2023. It was explained that Community Boards would not accept additional applications for highways schemes in 2022-23.
- Community Board Chairman were invited to the Highways Stakeholder Conference on 13 October 2022.

Community Boards would be consulted for the development of new protocol and process for highways schemes during the transition to the new contractor. These would include a community-based design and delivery model for small highways schemes to provide greater clarification on which schemes would be appropriate for Community Boards. A menu of options would be developed with indicative prices and implementation timescales to better inform Community Board decision-making.

9 Topics for future consideration

Councillor A Waite, Chairman, raised concern over the rising cost of living and asked attendees to inform E Hassall of any projects the Community Board can support during the winter months.

Debbie Garwood, Community Engagement Officer, was present to discuss how the Community Board could engage with the adult learning service. It was explained that

short courses had been developed at the Healthy Living Centre in Aylesbury and they were looking into extending the offer to cover the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board area. Courses included healthy eating, cooking on a budget, and budgeting workshops. These could be delivered online dependent on resident's need. D Garwood stated that they had looked into the Berryfields Roman Hall as a possible venue and asked for attendees to get in touch with any ideas.

Councillor P Irwin, Vice-Chairman, gave an update on the freight strategy. Attendees were informed that the strategy would go to informal public consultation in early 2023. This would impose 7 ½ tonne limits in villages such as Chearsley, Dinton, and Cuddington. It was noted that this was the first stage and a second stage would be developed to cover more villages in the area.

10 **Date of next meeting**
Thursday 9 February 2023



Bucks Fire &
Rescue Service

BFRS Community Safety

September 2022





Bucks Fire & Rescue Service

Agenda

Part 1 Role of Fire & Rescue Services

Part 2 Prevention or community safety?

Part 3 A new strategy

Part 4 Person Centred Framework

Part 5 Home Fire Safety Visits

Part 6 Who?

Part 7 How to refer



Response

18 fire stations on various crewing models, wholetime, day crewed and on call.

Nationally the number of fires has steadily declined since 2004.



Protection

3 fire safety teams – Aylesbury, Marlow and Milton Keynes

Have responsibility for fire safety in commercial buildings and in the 'common parts' of others such as high-rise, retirement villages etc. that are legislated by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety Order)

Address fire safety complaints

Consult on large scale events where a Safety Advisory Group is held

Consult on licensing applications



Prevention

Fire safety advice to people in 'single private dwellings' – houses / flats / including flats within retirement complexes

Engage with the community and partners to reduce risk:

- where a number of deliberate fires in the open have occurred
- to provide reassurance where we have had a significant fire
- to people we are targeting due to age, medical issues or other factors increasing their risk of fire



Prevention or Community Safety?

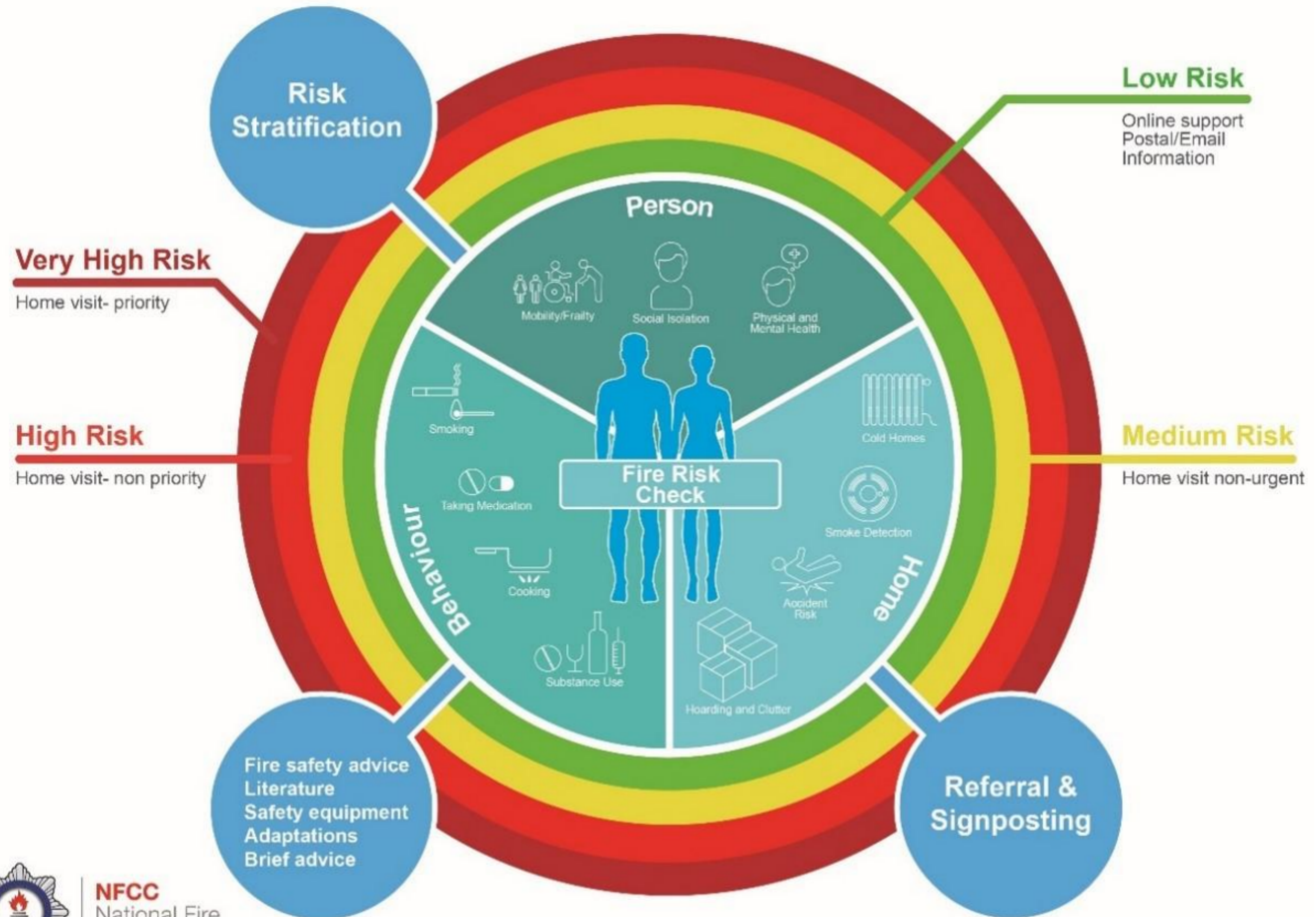
Prevention – global term for the work we do in the Fire & Rescue Service to prevent fires or other incidents from occurring

Community Safety – term used when we work with people and organisations outside of fire because it ties in to their work under the Crime and Disorder Act which brought in:

- Community Safety Partnerships – Safer Bucks and Safer MK
- Community Safety teams
- Community Safety officers



The Person Centred Framework



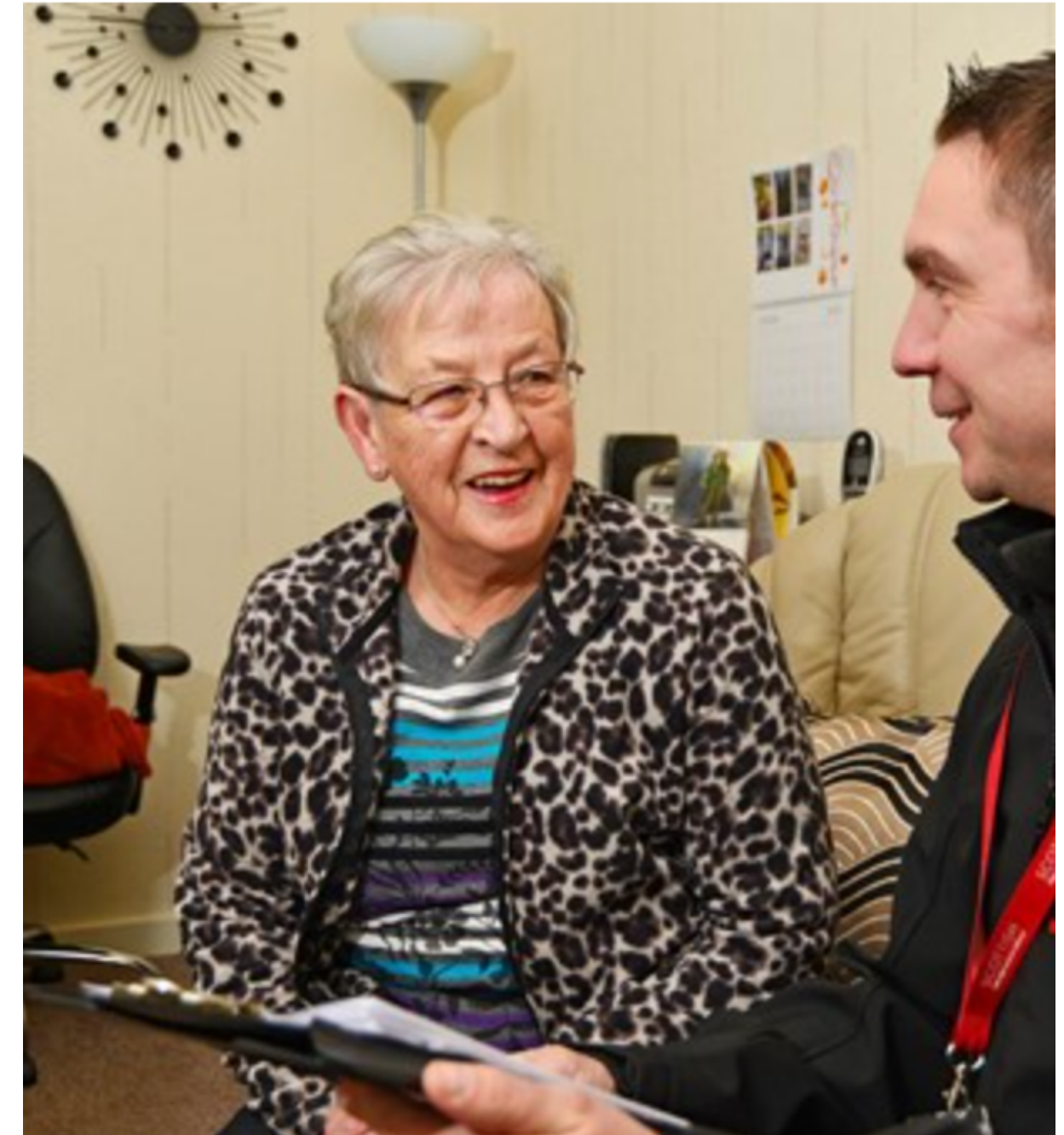
NFCC
National Fire
Chiefs Council



A Home Fire Safety Visit

Includes:

- Home Fire Detection (smoke and heat) incorporating Assistive Technology
- Fire Safety in the Home (kitchen, candles and escape planning)
- Fires and Heaters (safer heating)
- Clutter and Hoarding
- Arson/Deliberate Fires
- Smoking-Related Fires
- Medicines and Medical Devices
- Electrical Safety

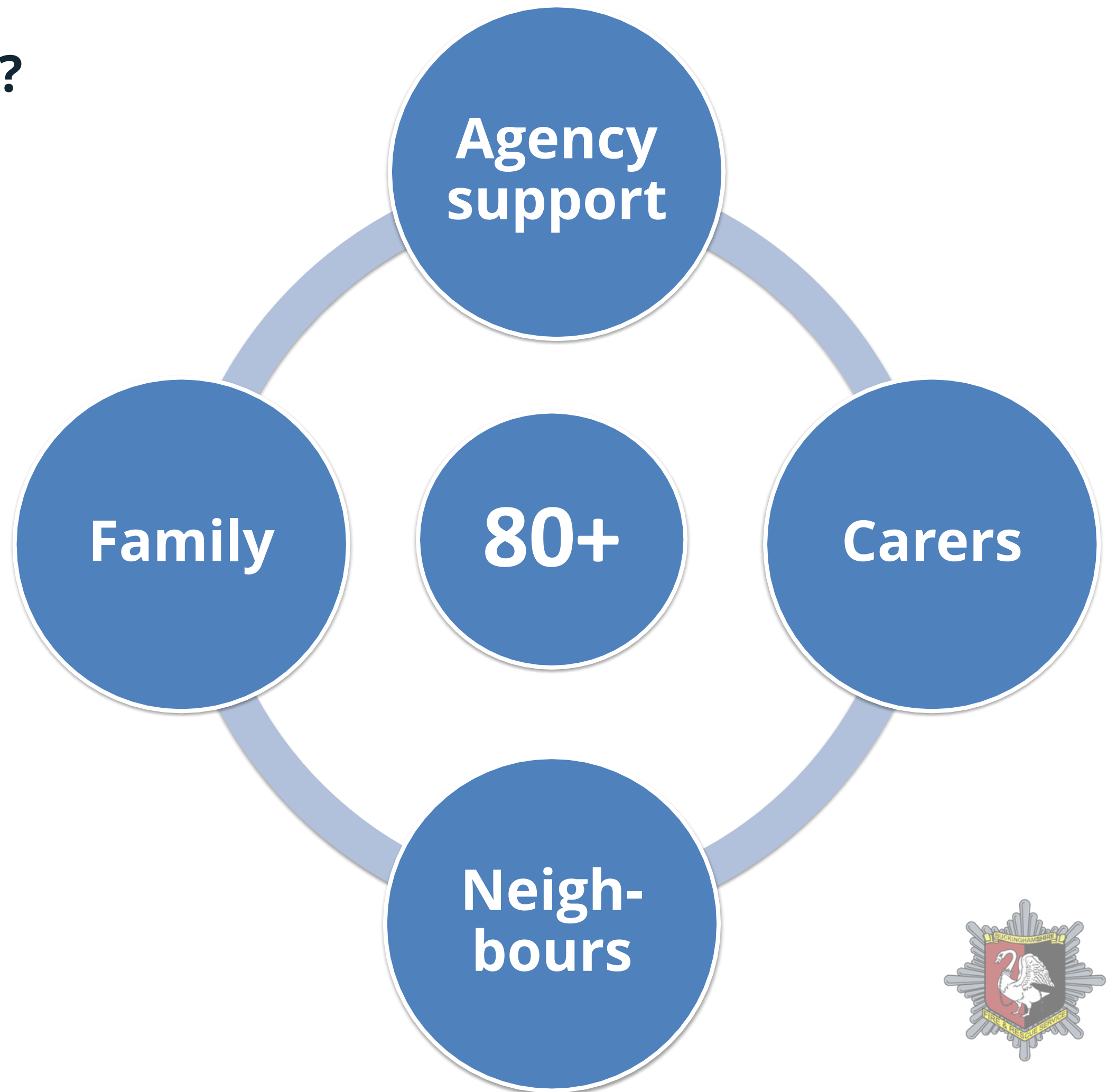


Who do we want to engage with?

Some people are at greater risk from fire due to having a combination of risk factors

We are working on a three-year program to engage with those aged 80 or above

To be most effective we need people's help...



How to refer?

Referral partners

Referral form circulated after the meeting by the Board Co-ordinator

Friends & Family

Phone 01296 744477

Email centraladmin@bucksfire.gov.uk

Online Home Fire Safety Check

Launching November but can be accessed via
www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc/



Online Home Fire Safety Check

www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc



NFCC
National Fire
Chiefs Council



Safelincs[®]
Fire & Safety Solutions

Welcome to the online **home fire safety** check

This easy-to-follow home fire safety check has been developed through a partnership between the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC), Fire Kills and Safelincs. It will take you through your home one room at a time and the simple questions will help you spot fire risks as you go around your home.

The tool will offer tips and advice on the steps you can take to reduce those risks. At the end, you will receive a personalised fire safety action plan to help keep you and your household safe from fire.



Fit smoke alarms



**Plan your
escape route**



**Get out, stay out
and call 999**



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We stand Together with Ukraine

(Waddesdon Hall update)

This project has grown enormously. Just highlight the main activities:

Collection of the donation to Ukraine

This is still ongoing and we use the hall meeting room to organise the donations. Collections are on weekly basis and 4 volunteers are involved permanently.

Community Hub (previously called Tuesday Coffee Morning)

The first session was run on 26/04/22 and since then we have run 19 sessions. These sessions were run by volunteers and we estimate that in total circa **200 volunteer hours** have been put into this. Furthermore, donations of tea/coffee/cakes and biscuits have helped out. The only costs involved with this were the hall hire and transport. In partnership with Bernie the Bus, the Hall received a grant from the Heart of Bucks Foundation to cover the hall hire cost and transport of the refugees to the Hall. This grant covered the period April 2022- September 2022.

Moving forward for the Community Hub:

The Ukrainian refugees asked me if the Hall can keep the Community Hub (which have moved to Thursday evenings) going as they feel it provides a safe place that they have every week to share experiences and build support amongst themselves. Additionally, they ask if during this time they could use both the meeting room and main hall.

The plan is that the community group will meet in the meeting room and they would like to run yoga classes and set up a drama group in the hall. I discussed this project with the Rothschild Foundation and asked them to support this initiative with a grant to cover 10 months of this project.

All support groups are run and based on volunteers; no other cost is involved other than the cost of hire. Every Thursday we have volunteers at the hub that provide every kind of support: from filling in the forms for the refugees; giving advice on activities or just to provide a listening ear and share in laughter and crying. All my volunteers that work closely with the refugees (where some of them are very vulnerable) are DBS checked and trained in how to deal with trauma. I have a close group of 5 of them that are sharing the responsibilities.

Therapy sessions and Workshops

From May to August therapy sessions and workshops were run at the hall. We were very fortunate that the sessions were run by a therapist with war trauma experience and this service was very popular and in high demand. For the therapy sessions made available to the refugees, the hall was granted **£2,000** from the Heart of Bucks Foundation and **£5,000** from the Rothschild Foundation, totalling **£7,000** towards the therapy sessions.

This part of project proved to be very successful for the refugees but is also very expensive to run, and funding finished earlier than expected.

Moving forward for the Therapy sessions and Workshops

After the money to fund this part of the overall project ran out, I had a meeting with the Rothschild Foundation and we discussed the needs of the project and its continuity. We agreed that our current therapist wasn't able to guarantee continuity and we are ready to work closely with other charities that provide different types of service and work with refugees. For example, we are in touch with the Stephen Spender Trust who deliver creative translation projects. They are currently running a language programme with the Ukrainian group in Chesham funded by Bucks Council, and may be able to bring the same support to Waddesdon with funding from the Rothschild Foundation.

The project is run in schools and with community groups and brings Ukrainian refugees and their British hosts and friends together to share and translate Ukrainian poetry and books. The project creates a wonderful safe space to share culture and develop language skills. We are talking with Waddesdon Secondary School and Waddesdon Primary to work together on that project.

Ukrainian Independence Day

On Wednesday 24th August, a new **Ukrainian Memorial Garden** was opened by Lord Rothschild at the Hall. A Kalyna Tree, the national symbol of Ukraine, was planted by Lord Rothschild's grandson, Edoardo Tomassini, as part of the commemoration.

In addition, the Ukrainian community held a fete to celebrate **Ukrainian Independence Day**, inviting the local community to thank them all for their continued support during their integration into the UK. Over 120 people joined the party, sampling national Ukrainian dishes, drinks, live music, art exhibition and a craft display.

It was a very moving and emotional event, and I personally am delighted that we had a special Guest of Honour present, giving his time to the event.



Community Board
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6.30 Apologies

Chairs introduction

Notes from last meeting

Declarations of interest

6.35 Spotlight on local charities

6.55 Bucks Fire & Rescue Service

7.15 Community Board update

7.30 Community Matters update

7.50 Topics for future consideration

20:00 Thank you and Close



Welcome from the Community Board
Chairman - Cllr Ashley Waite

Ukrainian Independence Day

We would like to say
Thank you
to the whole Community who have
welcomed us and showed us their support

Please, visit us on Wednesday 24th August and

- Join us at the Opening of The Ukrainian Memorial Garden
- Try our Ukrainian traditional food
- Visit the Art Exhibition
- Listen to live Ukrainian music
- Meet us and explore our culture

Wednesday 24th August
4pm -7.30pm at Waddesdon Hall

WADDESDON HALL
A GREAT YEAR AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE



Above – Planting of a Viburnum Opulus tree in the Memorial Garden.
Right – Yuliya Kharchenko, (in white) presenting Edoardo Tomassini, grandson of Lord Rothchild with some Ukrainian produce
Below - Yuliya presenting Agnieszka from Waddesdon Hall with a gift.



Yuliya, a Ukrainian (on the left) and Paola from the Long Crendon: Paola from Long Crendon support group. (right) speaking at the Thank you event. Opposite is some of Yuliya's art depicting some of the images she has painted to express her feelings in art.



THE BERNWODE COMMUNITY BUS PRESENTS
The 5000 Can Challenge

For more info call Ashley on 07977 401548 or check [facebook](#)

THE NEXT EVENT IS

GIVE A LITTLE TO HELP SO MANY TO HELP THE FOODBANKS WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

WE NEED YOUR HELP

BERNIE THE BUS IS HOPING TO COLLECT 5000 CANS OF FOOD BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE YEAR AND WE ARE ASKING YOU FOR HELP. THE CANS WILL BE DONATED TO HELP FOODBANKS WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS.

IF YOU ARE RUNNING AN EVENT BETWEEN NOW AND CHRISTMAS WE WILL BE ASKING YOU TO DONATE A CAN AS YOU ARRIVE TO ENJOY THE OCCASION. YOU CAN, OF COURSE, DONATE AT ANY POINT AS WELL.

ANY ORGANISATION TAKING PART WILL RECEIVE A UNIQUE BERNIE CERTIFICATE AND PHOTO. WE ARE VERY KEEN TO TALK TO ANY ORGANISATION OR EVENT ORGANISER WHO WISHES TO GET INVOLVED.



September 2022 update

32 parishes
12 Buckinghamshire Councillors
£136k budget
33, 000 residents





Who are we?



Chair – Cllr Ashley
Waite



Vice Chair – Cllr
Paul Irwin



Community Board Manager –
Elaine Hassall



Residents



Community
Groups and
charities



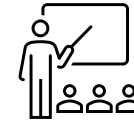
Statutory and
non statutory
partners



Parishes



Buckinghamshire
Councillors



Businesses



What do we do?

**Join an
Action
Group**



Identify and agree
our priorities



Help fund local
projects



Bring people together to
resolve local issues

Identify and work with
partners who can help us
achieve our goals



How can you get involved?

- Sign up to our funding emails
- Join a group or forum
- Receive our bi monthly newsletter
- Raise a concern
- Suggest a project idea
- Attend an event

Community Board newsletters

[Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board newsletter \(July to August 2022\)](#)

[Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board newsletter \(May to June 2022\)](#)

[Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board newsletter \(March to April 2022\)](#)

[Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board newsletter \(April 2021\)](#)

[Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board newsletter \(July to August 2021\)](#)

[Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board newsletter \(September to October 2021\)](#)

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What are our priorities

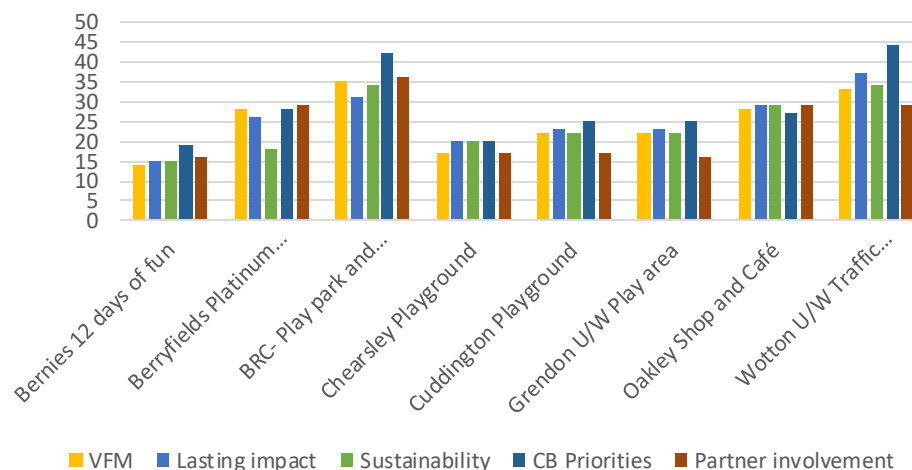
We established that the following topics were important to you in 22-23

- The Environment (linked to the BC corporate priority of Improving our Environment)
- Road Safety (linked to Protecting the vulnerable)
- Health and Wellbeing (linked to Strengthening our communities)

Funding Matrix

| Value for money | Lasting impact | Sustainability | Aligns with a CB priority | Partner involvement |
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Voting Matrix results





Highlights

- Community Event - 30th June at Waddesdon Cricket Club
- The Environment Group and Litter Picking forum have both met.
- To date this year the Community Board has funded 16 projects.
- Library of Things – 44 foot shipping container now in situ
- 3 Ukrainian support groups; Brill, Long Crendon and Waddesdon. There is a Ukrainian support Facebook page, newsletter and Whats App group.
- We are progressing a bulk order for Speed Indicator Devices
- Produced 3 newsletters since April
- Introduced a small grants process for projects valued at £1000 and under
- Further projects in the pipeline to make use of the remainder of this year's small grant's budget



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Buckinghamshire
Council Road
Safety Team
reaction tester



Elaine with Agnieszka
from Waddesdon Hall,
who popped by to say
hello



Community
Board washing
line!



Lindengate Nature Based Therapy Charity



CB flag

Community Event –
30th June
Waddesdon Cricket
Ground

15 stalls
A BBQ and bouncy
castle

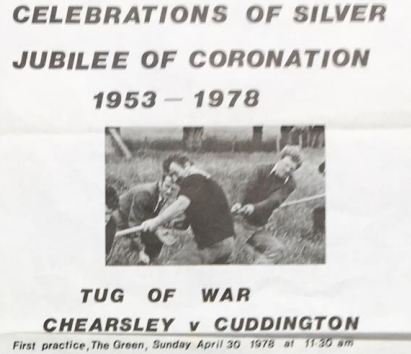


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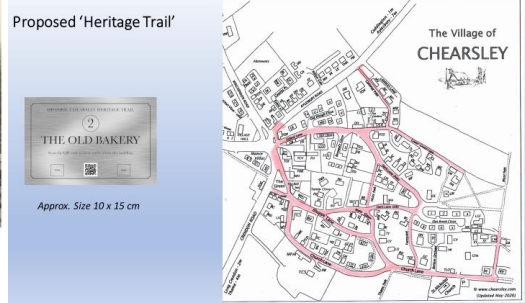
Works are currently taking place on the completion of the restoration at The Stockwell (pictured left) and will lead to other 'Historical Chearsley' projects, which will enable the establishment of a 'heritage trail' through the village, with significant educational benefits both for our own community and other interested parties.



Berryfields Roman Park is shaping up. The CB helped fund summer activities for children there this summer.



[Postcard showing 'The Stockwell' c.1925]



John Howard from the newly created Chearsley Historical Society held an exhibition of Chearsley life and collected photos, information and anecdotes from residents to show the rich heritage of Chearsley. Chearsley was not always this peaceful with records showing regular skirmishes during the Civil War. Lots of ideas have come forward on how to build on its historical heritage and the society plan to establish a range of special interest groups – they just need willing volunteers! Anyone for a game of tug of war!



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Parish &
Community
news

Chearsley Pubs Revival Day

- The Bell
- The Plough (The Old Plough)
- The White Horse (The Old Bakery)
- The Boot
- The Red Lion (Cloverdale)
- The Pig & Whistle (Merrifield - The Mansion)

Celebrating our heritage

- The Great War Centenary 2014-18**
Chearsley remembers.....
November 2018
- HISTORIC CHEARSLEY HISTORY DAY**
March 2022
- 100 not out!**
November 2022



Steven Judge from Brill Parish Council took Elaine round to view some traffic issues





Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

Cuddington's Platinum Jubilee Tree

CUDDINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL
cuddingtonvillage.com

On a beautifully sunny but windy March morning, a group of parish councillors and interested residents watched as two men from Majestic Trees spent three hours planting and securing our new tree on the playing fields. We had chosen a mature specimen and with the help of Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board, for which we are extremely grateful, were able to secure an acercampestre "elegant" which has a slightly narrower profile than other native field maples so that it should encroach neither on the farm on the other side of the fence nor on the football pitch itself. Majestic Trees were very respectful of our request not to drive on the actual marked pitches and in the event, despite considerable rain earlier in the spring, we had had a week of low or no rainfall previously and so the ground was less susceptible to damage by their vehicle.



Ashendon Playground with Ian Chisholm, Treasurer from Ashendon Playing Fields Association. This ambitious project raised over £90,000 and £20,000 was contributed by the Community Board.



In brief:

We have also received evaluations of the following projects:

Stone Café in the Park – "the café has become an established part of the community"

Kingsey SID

Haddenham repair café - repaired an expensive steam iron. .inoperable due to a tiny broken plastic valve. Mended and now in constant use. One of many wide and varied repairs undertaken with enthusiasm and received with gratitude"



Haddenham Streetscape project held its Exhibition on 13th July and conducted a public survey to help direct its priorities. Pictured are David Truesdale and Sue Gilbert from the Parish Council

And finally...



Buckinghamshire Councillor Phil Gomm showing just how "hands on" our Councillors are at the Quanton Community Heritage Orchard Apple Pressing event on 24th September.



Litter picking events

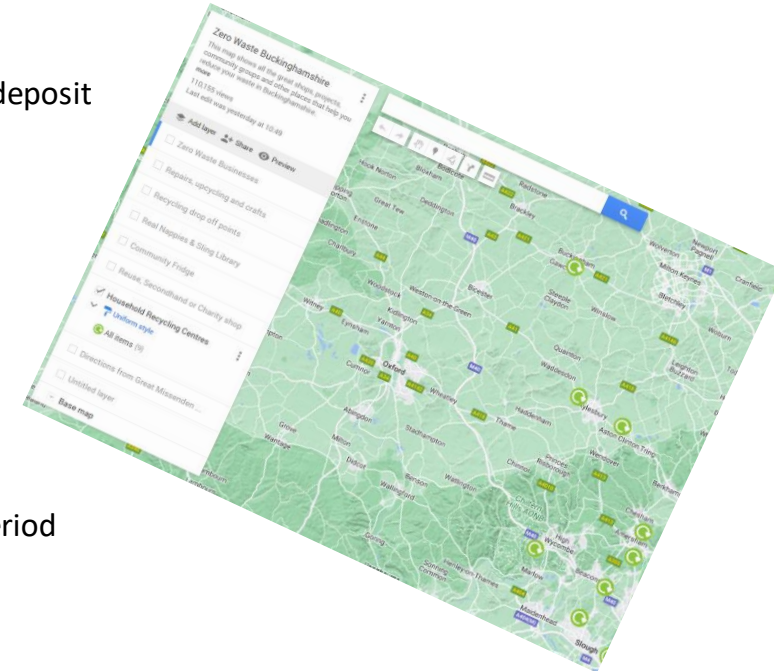
- Waddesdon Wombles and Berryfield Pickers 9th July
- Ashendon – Sunday 6th November at 10 am
- Wescott - Sunday 11th September at 10.30 am

Highlights

- Litter picking kits distributed to Ashendon, Berryfields, Cuddington, Grendon Underwood and Waddesdon
- Reduce supply: desire to create a behaviour change in Bucks - encourage deposit and returns at all events locally.
- Link in with other activities such as Buckinghamshire Council trial cut and collections and Streetscene collections to combine efforts.
- Promote litter picking activities: register litter picking activities on Bucks Online Directory [Bucks Online Directory](#)
- Capture lessons learnt and share safe practices

News in brief

- BFRS Outdoor fire stats leap from 38 to 241 in one year over a 3 month period
- Nitrous Oxide canisters on the rise
- Keep Britian Tidy Campaigns to ban single use BBQs and chinese lanterns
- Beacons of light – dropped cans are more likely to attract more.
- Worst brand offender: Coca Cola
- Report fly tipping, don't remove it
- Bucks Zero Waste Map for plotting recycle and reuse outlets

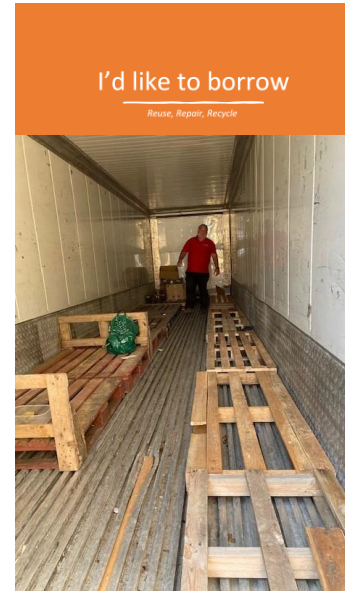
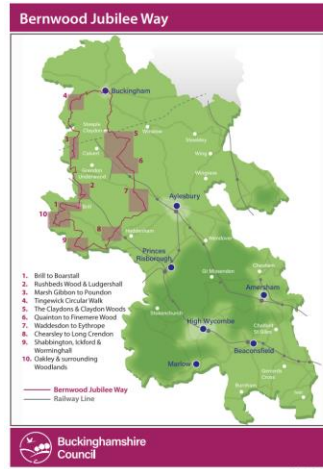




Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

A project group is working to reinstate the Bernwode Jubilee Way, a 61-mile Royal Forest, by planting trees and refreshing public access, interpretation boards and signage. There's a new website [Bernwode Jubilee Way walking and cycling routes](#) | [Buckinghamshire Council](#)

The following Parishes responded to the Community Board email to get involved in the areas within their patch namely Ashendon, Brill, Cuddington, Quainton, Waddesdon and Wotton Underwood and the project group will convene a meeting with them soon.



The Library of Things now has a 44 ' shipping container now in situ at the Quainton Railway Centre. Here's Ashley checking it out. Next step is to kit it out with flooring, electrics and shelving. We're still looking for volunteers to get involved in this exciting project.



Aylesbury CTC has relaunched their newcomer and easy bicycle ride schedule and want to build up their numbers. The CB is looking to see if we can still find a provider to offer adult cycle training as the Environment group has identified this as an unmet need.

Janet Jackson from Shabbington and Colm from the RSPB raised the plight of swifts and other migratory birds that nest in the eaves of high rise older buildings. There is a decline in their population due to loss of habitat, food and environmental impacts. Some swift boxes had been installed in Oxford and Shabbington to reduce the decline in population.



EV car charging points
The Council recently published its EV Action Plan from 2022-2027.
[Appendix 4 Electric Vehicle EV Action Plan.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

BC are putting together a bid to the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles to fund BC owned on street EV charging points. In the autumn they will be consulting with parishes to put together a bid for funding for parish owned sites.

Environment
Action Group
Met in June
Next meeting
TBA



Community Board
Haddenham and
Waddesdon



Tuesday 25 October
2pm - 5pm
at Haddenham Village Hall
Banks Park, Banks Road, Haddenham HP17 8EE

Drop in for FREE advice and information on a range of topics from providers such as NHS Health Checks, Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire and Rescue, Trading Standards, Helping Hands debt and finance advice, Adult Learning, Family Information Service, Road Safety and much more. Try out a new hobby like hand bell ringing or the Ukelele!

Refreshments provided



**CB Health & Wellbeing
Event**

**Tuesday 25 October from
2 pm
Haddenham Village Hall**

- free NHS health checks
- book an older driver assessment
- test your driving reactions
- try out a local activity
- get debt and budgeting advice
- find out about local services in your area
- join local groups
- create a street association in your road
- meet the neighbours

Where would you like us to come to next?

Just provide us with a venue and a date

Tailored to the local community and involving local groups



Budget summary and small grants fund

- For projects up to £1000
- No match funding required
- Ideal for small grass root organisations

Small grant fund

- Equipment
- Training
- Project or transport costs
- Community events and activities

Have an idea? Then in the first instance contact the Community Board Manager on

hadwadcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

| Budget for 22-23 | Allocated as of 23rd September |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| £138,639 | £90,889 |



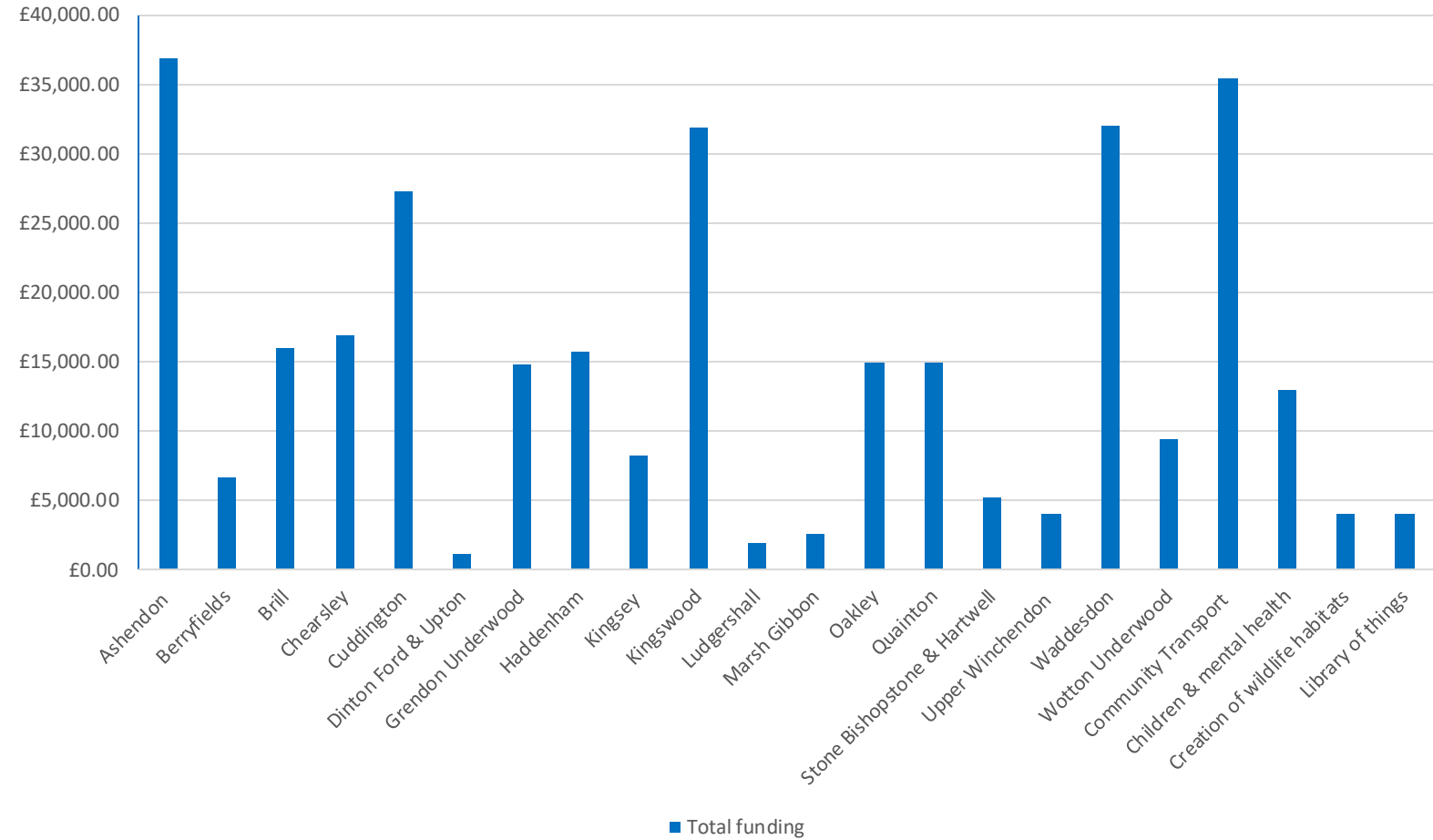
Projects supported
since April 2022

| Scheme name | Amount agreed |
|---|---------------|
| Ashendon Village marquee | £1000 |
| Waddesdon 12 days of fun and fundraising | £3,923.25 |
| Queen's Platinum Jubilee & Lighting of the Beacon Event | £1,417.00 |
| Berryfields Summer Holidays Child Entertainment programme | £1000 |
| Chearsley Playground refurbishment | £15,000.00 |
| Cuddington Community Playground | £10,000.00 |
| Grendon Underwood play area | £13,000.00 |
| Haddenham Community Cafe | £1000 |
| Haddenham EV Charging points | £2,000.00 |
| Oakley Afternoon Club | £1000 |
| Oakley Community Café | £15,000.00 |
| Buckinghamshire Railway Centre café and play area | £15,000.00 |
| Inflatable planetarium for schools | £2,120.00 |
| Wotton Underwood Traffic Calming | £9428.51 |
| Quinton Community Heritage Orchard | £987.28 |
| CB SID/MVAS project – finalising order | £25,225 |



Value and location
of community
projects to date 20-
22

Value and location of projects to date





Transport for Bucks projects 2022-23

| | |
|---|--|
| Kingswood Traffic Calming | On target to be delivered this financial year |
| Wotton Underwood Traffic Calming | Will aim to be achieved this financial year |

HS2 Road Safety Fund projects – Tranche 2

| | |
|---|--|
| Footpath along Wotton Road, Ashendon | Taken forward to Stage 2 Feasibility (Jan 2023) |
| Movable Vehicle Activated Sign Edgcott Road, Grendon Underwood | Approved |
| Speed Indicator Device – A413 Stone | Approved |
| Traffic Calming Measures on A4129 Kingsey | Taken forward to Stage 2 Feasibility (Jan 2023) |
| Sentinel Device and Speed Indicator Posts, Quainton | Approved |



An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council Late Summer (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.

For meetings w/c 26 September only (Hadd & Wadd)

Claim your council tax energy rebate – don't miss out

The council has contacted everyone who was eligible for their £150 rebate and for those people who pay by Direct Debit, 100% of these have now been paid. Other people are claiming their rebate via vouchers we've sent out; anyone who has not yet cashed in their voucher should **make sure to do so before the cut-off date of Friday 30 September**. Further information can be found on the Council Tax pages of the council website.

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.

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?MId=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://www.localheritagelist.org.uk) or email localheritagelist@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan – next steps

Public consultation is under way (running until 26 October) on three Supplementary Planning Documents that give detailed guidance to aid decision making on planning applications in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan area. Each document provides in-depth information on a particular policy area of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, which was adopted by Buckinghamshire Council in September 2021.

- Aylesbury Garden Town AGT1 - South Aylesbury Masterplan

Guidance for the development of the South Aylesbury area of the Aylesbury Garden Town, situated within Stoke Mandeville civil parish.

- Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Guidance on how affordable housing policy should be applied to proposals for residential development in the Aylesbury Vale area.

- Design Supplementary Planning Document

Guidance to ensure that new development across Aylesbury Vale is of the highest quality, is in context with its location, and is inclusive and sustainable.

Find out more about these planning documents and take part in our consultation via our web page www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/spd

Current and upcoming consultations

Share your community safety concerns to help us keep Buckinghamshire safe

The [Safer Buckinghamshire Board](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/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.

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