



Aylesbury Community Board agenda

Date: Tuesday 18 October 2022

Time: 6.00 pm

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

BC Councillors:

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

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1	Chairman's Welcome and Appointment of Vice-Chairman	18:00	
2	Apologies for Absence		
3	Declarations of Interest To declare any personal or pecuniary interests.		
4	Housekeeping		
5	Actions from the last meeting To review and sign off the action notes from the meeting on 17 th February 2022.		3 - 8
6	Thames Valley Police Update To be presented by Inspector James Davies.	18:10	

7	Community Board Priorities & Funding Update To be presented by Cllr David Thompson, Amy Jenner - Senior Community Board Manager and Priority Group Leads.	18:30	9 - 18
8	Regeneration in Aylesbury To be presented by Lisa Michelson, Service Director - Planning Growth and Sustainability and Carla Galea, Area Generation Manager - Planning Growth and Sustainability.	19:00	
9	Community Matters including petition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To address questions from the public. Questions to be submitted in advance of the meeting to aylesburycb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk • Cambridge Street Petition To be presented by Carla Galea, Area Generation Manager- Planning Growth and Sustainability • Community News • Buckinghamshire Council update 	19:30	19 - 42
10	Chairman's close and date of next meeting Thursday 16 February 2023 – Location TBC	19:55	



Aylesbury Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Aylesbury Community Board held on Thursday 17 February 2022 via MS Teams, commencing at 6.00 pm and concluding at 7.53 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Winn (Chairman), M Baldwin, S Chapple, A Christensen, T Hunter-Watts, S Lambert, S Morgan, A Poland-Goodyer and D Summers

Others in attendance

A Sherwell (Aylesbury Town Council), A Poland-Goodyer (Coldharbour Parish Council), P Dey (Buckingham Park Parish Council), Insp. James Davies (Thames Valley Police)
A Morgan, B Russell, C Martin, D Furze, G Hobbs, J Seaton, K Hills, K Gray, L Lloyd, M Bergh, R Walker, S Rudiger, C Geen, M Heime, A Simone, C Older, M Dejoux, J Pearce, A Jenner, L Ashton

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's welcome & introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors T Dixon, S James and D Thompson. Apologies were also received from B Lasoye (Aylesbury Town Council), H Philips (River Thame Conservation Trust), T Burch (Public Health), H Asquith (Youth Concern), and K Ironside (Transitions UK).

3 Declarations of interest

None.

4 Actions from the last meeting

At the last meeting action plans were requested from Public Health, these were now available on the [Council's website](#).

It was asked whether the Board could fund the purchase of BP measuring machines for residents. This had been looked at by the Health and Wellbeing Action Group and there should be an update given to the next Action Group meeting in March following ongoing discussions with the Public Health team.

Resolved:

to agree the action notes from the last meeting.

5 Community Safety Update

Chris Geen, Community Safety Team Leader and Serious Organised/Violent Crime Lead was in attendance to present the update. Chris's presentation is appended to the minutes. In addition to going through the slides, the following points were highlighted:

- The importance of local Member engagement.
- The team targeted areas where the team could have the most impact, particularly in the town centre, Whitehill and Southcourt areas. Chris encouraged people to report issues to the team.
- The CCTV review was yet to be finalised and Chris was happy to discuss further with Community Board Members outside of the meeting.
- Safety of women and girls within the town centre during the night time economy was discussed. This would sit under the new Statutory Serious Violence Duty. The Police would also be running an awareness week during March. A sub group would be set up shortly to co-ordinate activities in this area and the Community Board would welcome being part of discussions. There were already some schemes within the town centre to provide safe spaces.
- A response would be provided on whether the Aylesbury Street Wardens would be centrally funded moving forward as they had initially been funded through the Board. **(Action: Chris Geen)**

6 Thames Valley Police Update

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

- Community Board boundaries differed slightly to the boundaries used by the police for Aylesbury Vale. Residential burglaries had increased 3% on last year and an increase in violence with injury offences of 21% had been seen. This had been a national trend. Overall there was a 20% increase on crime across Aylesbury Vale.
- Environmental audits were being undertaken, these included the areas of Whitehill, Alfred Rose Park, and Edinburgh Playing Fields.
- An operation was underway, funded by the Home Office which aimed to increase engagement with residents to focus on reducing violent crime. This included increased stop searches, building links with young people and making visits to people who were known to be involved in knife carrying.
- Members and residents were encouraged to report suspicious activities seen on Facebook to the Police as the force was unable to continually monitor social media channels.

- Street drinkers within the town centre were discussed, the Aylesbury Street Wardens may be able to support in this area and the Board recognised that work with licensed premises within the town centre was required.
- In relation to the potential re-development of Kingsbury Square and Market Square, a Member commented that the police response to the consultation had appeared quite negative given that the redevelopment aimed to be built on garden town principles. Insp. Davies advised that the response would have been from a police perspective identifying risk areas, however recognised that improvements should encourage the anti-social elements away as more people used the areas.

7 Youth Views Survey Results Overview

Jack Pearce, Community Board Co-ordinator and Simon Rudiger, Aylesbury Youth Action reported the main findings from the Youth Views survey, produced by Aylesbury Youth Action, The Cloudy Foundation, and the Aylesbury Community Board. Presentation slides are appended to the minutes which detail the survey results, demographics of respondents and highlighted the themes identified. In addition to the information appended, the following points were highlighted:

- An action was to undertake the survey annually, to get more young people involved and benchmark responses. A smaller working group would be convened to go through results in further detail.
- Giselle Hobbs, Mandeville School offered support from her school to help more students become involved in the process and contact details were passed to Jack and Simon.
- Monica Bergh, Family Support Service advised that Youth Concern had been commissioned to do a piece of work around youth needs in the town, and were assessing the viability of a youth hub. Monica was happy to link in with Simon and Jack and bring the next steps back to the Community Board.
- A comment was made about the size of the survey, with the suggestion that the next one be reduced from 64 questions.

8 Priorities & Action Group Updates

Enhancing the Lives of our Youth – Jack Pearce

- The Action Group would be looking further at the results of the Youth Survey and taking youth views forward.
- A Health and Wellbeing Fayre had been held at the Grange School and was well received by young people and partners. A toolkit was being worked on to roll out across schools in Aylesbury.

Improving the Environment – Cllr Sarah James

- The Action Group explored ways to prevent littering across Aylesbury and the Aylesbury Wombles had been very active in this area and had recently

received Board funding to purchase an electric vehicle.

- There would be a focus on tree planting as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative and a funding application to plant a living wall was in progress. Difficulties in identifying sites for planting were discussed, [information on tree planting was available on the Council's website](#) and would be circulated to Board Members **(Action: Jack Pearce)**

Road Safety, Highways and Infrastructure – Cllr Mark Winn

- Installation of outdoor gyms in Fairford Leys and Buckingham Park were being explored as well as a BMX pump track which had been an area of need raised in the Youth Views Survey.
- Members, schools and road safety colleagues were looking at potential projects to address speeding traffic.
- Around 34 priority Highway Code and Parking projects had been put forward for agreement, these included double yellow lines, keep clear signage and improved accessibility such as dropped kerbs.

Health, Wellbeing and Community Safety – Cllr Susan Morgan

- Transitions UK had recently spoken to the group about their transgender treatment clinic at the Mandeville practice. The group was focussing on what could be set up with partners to address cardiovascular disease, obesity and diabetes.

Economic Recovery - Cllr Susan Morgan

- There were still places available on the 'Be your own boss project', run by Bucks Business First (BBF). This action group would be reviewed as it had not been working as well as had been hoped. Feedback on the next steps would be provided at the next CB meeting.

Members of the Board discussed funding cuts to Community Boards and the need to re-visit priorities as funding for the next municipal year became known. The Board also heard that a 'levelling up' working group had been set up by the Leader of the Council to look at ways to support areas of deprivation, particularly in Aylesbury and High Wycombe. This involved working with health partners and VCS groups.

9 Community Matters

- One public question had been received from Giselle Hobbs, Mandeville School which raised concerns around road safety around the school at the start and end of the school day. The Board would form a working group of

local Councillors, road safety officers and school staff to discuss and take ideas forward. The school travel team had also offered to support the school by looking at travel plans and other areas of help. A Member raised potential provision for a lollipop person and queried whether this would be a possibility (**Action: Jack Pearce**).

- The Chairman reported that as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations people could [visit the Buckinghamshire Council website to apply for street closures in their area](#).
- A [consultation on improvements to the Emerald Way cycleway](#) was open for people to comment on, the consultation would close on 9 March.
- The Helping Hand household support fund was also highlighted and Board Members encouraged to share [details](#) with residents in need of support.

10 Funded Projects

An update was received on funded projects. The Chairman highlighted a number of schemes funded and the following additional points were raised:

In terms of quality assurance, the board was advised that end of project evaluations were undertaken and those who received funding were required to provide reporting information on how funds were spent and provide feedback on their respective projects. As the end of the municipal year approached, organisations were being contacted and this information could be shared with the Community Board. Community Board Members were also welcome to visit projects and see them in action.

11 Chairman's close & date of next meeting

The Chairman advised that he hoped the next meeting would be in person and at this meeting the Proud of Bucks awards would be publicly awarded. The meeting will take place in April and a date and venue will be circulated as soon as confirmed.

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Aylesbury Community Board – Street Wardens Update.

For Information Only

Author: Abdul Rahim

Community Safety Manager

Date: 5th September 2022

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1. Background

- 1.1. The Street Wardens team were introduced to Aylesbury in October 2021. Funding was provided by the Aylesbury Community Board for two Wardens for a period of 12 months, with the aim of deterring crime, Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) and to provide a reassuring presence to the Community, local businesses, and visitors.
- 1.2. The team works with a range of internal and external partner agencies, including the Police, Shop watch, homeless services, youth services and substance misuse services.

2. Current Structure

- 2.1. The Street Wardens are part of the wider Community Safety team. The team is managed by a Street Warden manager, with three positions based in High Wycombe and two in Aylesbury.
- 2.2. Following numerous recruitment and retention challenges due to the short-term nature of the contracts, one of permanent wardens from High Wycombe was transferred to Aylesbury to provide cover whilst the additional staff could be recruited.
- 2.3. Two previous recruits employed since October 2021 have left the team, placing pressure on resources and service delivery.
- 2.4. Since July 2022, a new warden has been employed for a period of 12 months. It is hoped the current staff will remain in post for the remainder of the year.
- 2.5. Therefore, wardens have been operating in Aylesbury since October 2021 and with the current contracts will be employed up until July 2023, a total period of 20 months. The Aylesbury Community Board funding is limited to 12 months. However, due to the difficulty in recruiting, the Community Safety Team have funded the scheme for the initial eight months.
- 2.6. The team provide cover for seven days a week, depending on operational need. They mainly work during the day and will cover early evenings to support partnership work and to target ASB hotspots.
- 2.7. Patrols at present are undertaken in and around Aylesbury Town Centre, car parks and surrounding public parks. If there are specific in other areas such as Buckingham Park or Coldharbour, the wardens will alongside the relevant Police team or ASB officer.

3. Street Warden roles and responsibilities

- 3.1. The Street Wardens complete regular high visibility patrols in Town Centre areas to deter crime and Anti-Social behaviour. They work in close partnership with Thames Valley Police, local businesses, Council departments and support agencies e.g., in the fields of Youth work, substance misuse and Homelessness charities.
- 3.2. The Wardens are trained in Safeguarding, Emergency First Aid, Conflict Management, CCTV (SIA Licence), Radio Communications, Naloxone (opiate overdose), scene management, Anti-Social behaviour, and securing evidence.
- 3.3. The Wardens undertake a variety of duties and examples of these are listed below. This is not an exhaustive list as they are a flexible team and will pick up and undertake other tasks as and when required.

High Visibility Patrols - to deter Crime and ASB

Engagement - with public, Partners and Businesses

Begging – using persuasion, visual presence to deter and obtain evidence in support or enforcement action

Street Drinking – Public Spaces Protection Order enforcement action

Theft – working with businesses and use of Shopwatch Radio System to deter shoplifters

Rough Sleeping – verification of rough sleepers, guidance and signposting, partnership meetings

Emergency First Aid – Fully trained. Carry Naloxone kits in case casualty has overdosed.

Safeguarding - supporting vulnerable people, signposting and submitting referrals to Safeguarding Hub.

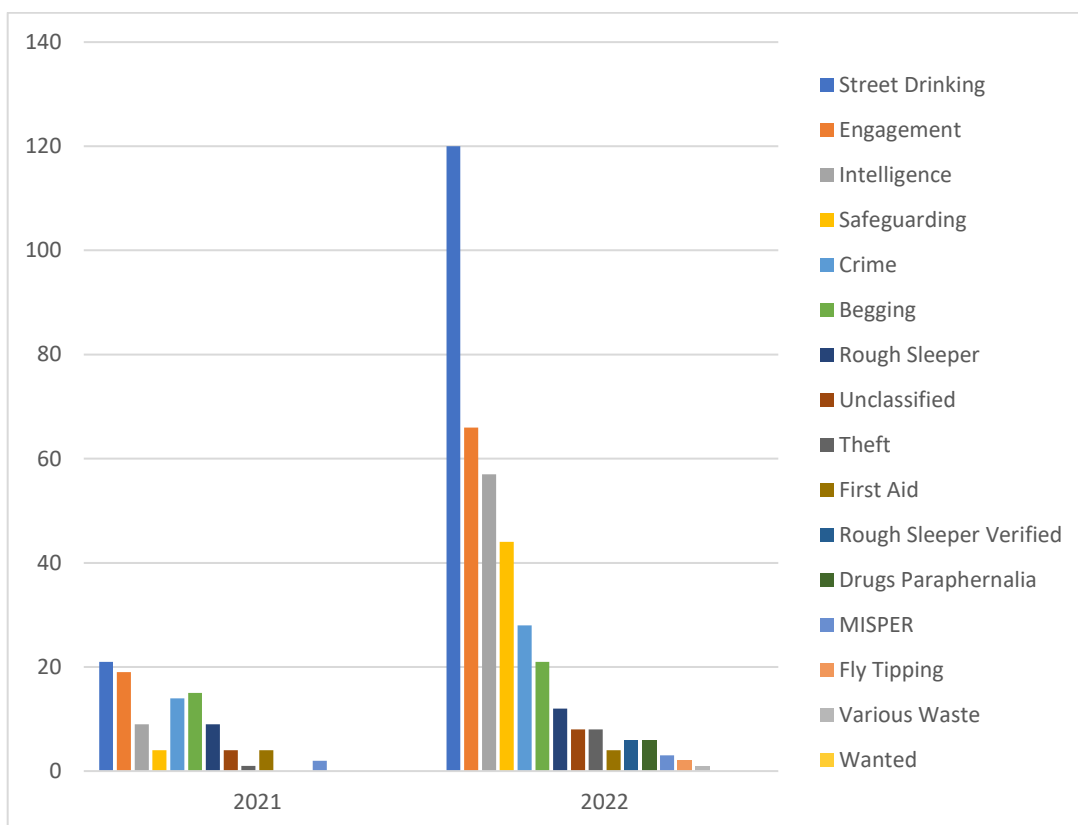
Information Sharing – Sharing intelligence in accordance with local information sharing agreements.

Waste – removing abandoned items, drugs paraphernalia and reports to Waste Team.

4. Achievements and Highlights

- 4.1. The Wardens have been working in the Aylesbury Town Centre since October 2021. They have attended numerous incidents, supported several campaigns, and arranged several multi-agency enforcement campaigns to address ASB and breaches of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

4.2. The chart below highlights the type and numbers of incidents attended by the wardens since Oct 2021 in Aylesbury. A full breakdown for data on a monthly basis is presented in Appendix A.



4.3. In summary, to date the wardens have dealt with the following numbers of incidents in Aylesbury.

Activity	Count
Street Drinking	142
Engagement	86
Intelligence	67
Safeguarding	48
Crime	42
Begging	36
Rough Sleeper	21
Theft	9
First Aid	8
Rough Sleeper Verified	6
Drugs Paraphernalia	6
Missing Persons	5
Fly Tipping	2

5. PSPO enforcement and Multi-agency activity

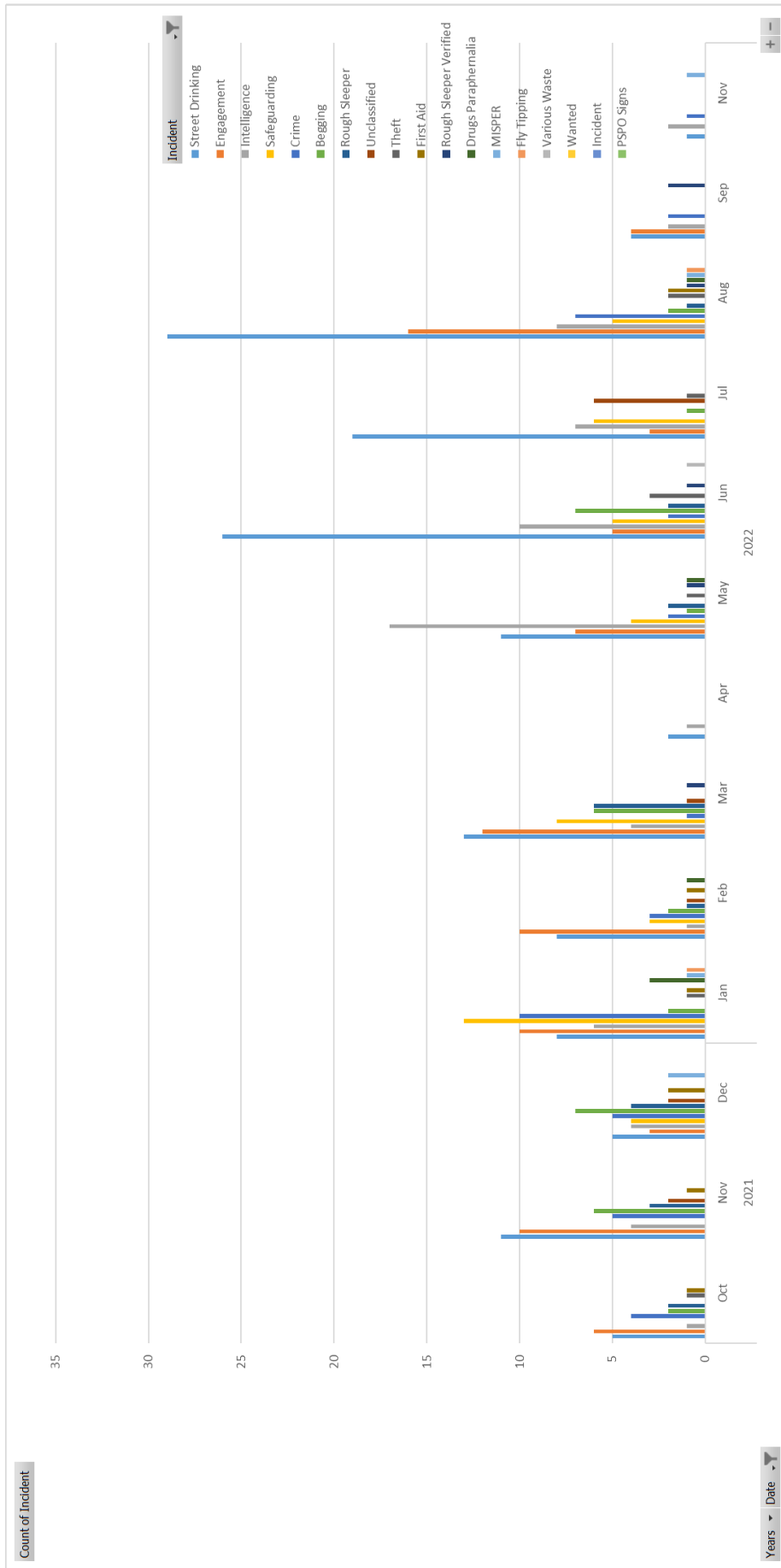
- 5.1. The team have recently held three multi-agency enforcement days in Aylesbury on 16 June, 25 July and 19 August, supported by the Police, One Recovery Bucks, youth engagement officers and the ASB team. The aim of these days has been to visit the ASB and crime hotspot areas, engage with young people and any individuals at risk of being victims or perpetrators and offer them support or where offers of support are refused and the behaviour is persistent, warning letters, or fines in breach of the PSPO have been issued.
- 5.2. The outcomes achieved on these dates are below;
- 14 warning letters for breaching the PSPO were issued.
 - 7 persons required to surrender alcohol.
 - 42 young people engaged with and signposted to services.
- 5.3. Further to this, two fines have been issued to two separate individuals, who were in breach of the alcohol restrictions of the PSPO, who after warnings failed to comply with the prohibitions.
- 5.4. The Council has been successful in its application to the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police for additional enforcement powers for the street wardens, under the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS). The team are currently awaiting formal confirmation of this, after which they will have additional enforcement powers.
- 5.5. Feedback from the Police, other partner agencies and businesses in the town centre of Aylesbury highlight how the activity of the Street wardens has made an impact in reducing crime and Anti-social behaviour and how they are valued.
- 5.6. Specific feedback has been received from 'Here4Youth', who have attended the PSPO multi-agency activity with the Street wardens and have found the joint patrols beneficial and state *'The wardens give Here4YOUth staff a safe space to meet hard to reach YPs out of core hours and provide vital information about YP cohorts on the streets.'* (Young people).
- 5.7. A local business, DV Fashions, has stated the Street wardens are a reassuring presence and very important for deterring Anti-Social behaviour, stating *'...they are a positive influence in the town, and they do their jobs with dedication and professionalism with a smile on their faces in difficult circumstances and their presence is greatly appreciated.'*

6. Summary

- 6.1. The Wardens continue to provide a valued high visibility reassuring presence for the public and businesses in and around Aylesbury.

- 6.2. They attend numerous multi-agency partnership meetings and work with stakeholders to address complex issues and ASB matters, by providing appropriate support to individuals and undertaking enforcement action, as and when necessary.
- 6.3. The Street Wardens are trained to support partner agencies, respond to incidents and to identify and address some of the more complex problems associated with the town centre, which require a coordinated multi-agency response and long-term solutions.
- 6.4. Feedback received from the Police and Parking services demonstrates strong support for the activities undertaken by Street wardens and the impact they are having on reducing crime and disorder and keeping Aylesbury town centre safe.
- 6.5. In conclusion, the Street Wardens are a valuable and useful service, especially to the community in Aylesbury. They provide a uniformed service and a reassuring presence in the town centre, at a time when other uniformed services have limited resources.
- 6.6. The scheme is due to conclude in July 2023, as there is no prospect to continue funding the Aylesbury wardens beyond this time from the existing Community Safety team budget.

Appendix A- Monthly Aylesbury Street warden data



Incident														
Date	Street Drin	Engageme	Intelligence	Safeguardin	Crime	Begging	Rough Sle	Unclassified	Theft	First Aid	Rough Sleeper Verified	Drugs Par	MISPER	Fly Tipping
Oct	5	6	1		4	2	2		1	1				
Nov	11	10	4		5	6	3	2		1				
Dec	5	3	4	4	5	7	4	2		2			2	
Jan	8	10	6	13	10	2			1	1		3	1	1
Feb	8	10	1	3	3	2	1	1		1		1		
Mar	13	12	4	8	1	6	6	1			1			
Apr	2		1											
May	11	7	17	4	2	1	2		1		1	1		
Jun	26	5	10	5	2	7	2		3		1			
Jul	19	3	7	6		1		6	1					
Aug	29	16	8	5	7	2	1		2	2	1	1	1	1
Sep	4	4	2		2						2			
Nov	1		2		1								1	
	142	86	67	48	42	36	21	12	9	8	6	6	5	2

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Report to Aylesbury Community Board

Date:	13th September 2022
Title:	Report in response to petition – Cambridge Street
Cabinet Member(s):	Peter Strachan (Portfolio Holder for Regeneration)
Contact officer:	Carla-Louise Galea
Ward(s) affected:	Aylesbury North
Recommendations:	It is recommended that Community Board note the petition and current situation which prevents our taking the requested action at this point in time. Additionally it is recommended that there are further investigations on the opportunities to enhance Cambridge Street through place making interventions subject to funding becoming available.
Reason for decision:	Cambridge Street will be impacted by the public realm capital project in Kingsbury and Market Square

1. Executive summary

Buckinghamshire Council has received a petition (appendix A) from local residents and businesses requesting that the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Cambridge Street (in the centre of Aylesbury) is made permanent; allowing the street to remain permanently pedestrianised.

2. Content of report

- 2.1. The original Traffic Regulation Order was granted on 11th November 2020 expiring on 28th February 2022 prohibiting through traffic to proceed down Cambridge Street. An extended Temporary Traffic Regulation Order was granted on 28th February 2022 for a further eighteen months, expiring in September 2023. Buckinghamshire Council's rationale behind granting the order was to assist in the recovery of the local economy

(as set out in the Government emergency active travel fund) due to the Covid pandemic. It has widely been considered a successful road closure as the support for this petition demonstrates.

- 2.2. Buckinghamshire Council has been developing a public realm scheme adjacent to Cambridge Street for some time, this scheme was initiated by the Shadow Authority in February 2020.
- 2.3. It is anticipated that the scheme will address some of the current issues with town centre access and create a safe environment through the proposed landscaping and pavement treatments, together with a new traffic regulation order.
- 2.4. As part of the current proposals, it may become necessary to utilise Cambridge Street again as a part of the town centre road network. This is due to the objectives of the scheme together with the constraints on the local road network around both Kingsbury and Market Squares.
- 2.5. It is expected that the detailed scheme design will proceed to a cabinet decision in early 2023. The timing for the implementation of the public realm scheme is not yet been agreed.
- 2.8 At this stage of the design development of Kingsbury and Market Squares, we are unable to make the pedestrianisation of Cambridge Street permanent as requested in the petition. However the aspirations of the petition to improve the street are acknowledged and will be investigated as part of the project.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1. The council is committed to further investigations to retain the Cambridge Street road closure whilst still achieving the objectives of the Kingsbury and Market Square regeneration scheme. If this proves not to be possible options to enhance the environment of Cambridge Street will be investigated.

4. Legal and financial implications

4.1. Finance

- 4.2. None identified however the petition requests improvements to Cambridge Street which would have a financial cost that is not currently budgeted for.

4.3. Legal

- 4.4. If Cambridge Street were to be closed to traffic permanently a traffic regulation order would need to be advertised and made under the provisions of ss1, 2 and 4 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and in accordance with the requirements of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Reg 1996.

4.5. The temporary traffic regulation order granted on 28th February 2022 for 18 months will need to be revoked and/or suspended should the effects of the order no longer be necessary.

5. Local councillors' consultation & views

5.1. Views sought through this report.

6. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7.1 Subject to approval of the Kingsbury and Market Square scheme, further engagement is planned with the residents and businesses of both Kingsbury and Market square together with other impacted local residents and business including those in Cambridge Street.

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To Ms. Diane Harrison

Aylesbury Town Council

22nd July 2022

CAMBRIDGE STREET PETITION

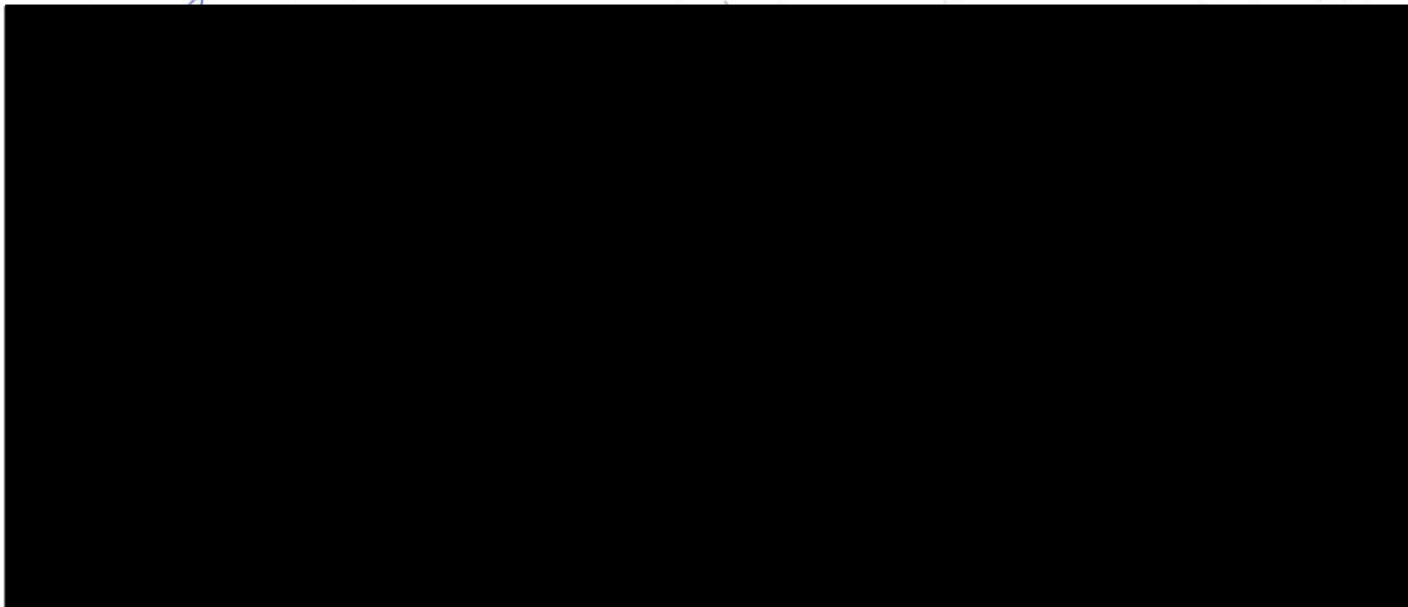
The paving slabs in Cambridge Street (the end closest to the town centre) were bad in 1963 I remember, and they are so much worse now. Where they've been broken into small pieces they've been filled up with tarmac – see photo attached. This has the effect of making the street look a total mess, which it doesn't deserve as many of the businesses have made a lot of effort on their shop fronts in the last year or so.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that we, and other neighbours, want to see this part of Cambridge Street pedestrianized in the same manner as has been done in the main High Street. This petition has received the signatures of those people who live and trade in the locality of Cambridge Street, Aylesbury.

Our Street is in the centre of town and we all want it to be pedestrianized
PLEASE.

CAMBRIDGE STREET NEEDS A TREAT!

We, the undersigned, are in favour of this petition:



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Community Board Aylesbury

Aylesbury Community Board - 18th October 2022

Community News

This document highlights some key community activities and updates for the Aylesbury Community Board area. Please click on the links below for more information.

Please note any questions you have related to this content, should be directed to the relevant contact detailed on the website/social media, and that events and dates may be subject to change.

Please like our Facebook page and share our posts so we can reach residents across our area.

Please also tag us in posts so we can share your information too:

<https://www.facebook.com/Aylesbury-Community-Board-106108777992919>

Partner Updates

Revive Health & Wellbeing Event for minority communities



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**Saturday 22nd October 2022
12:00-5:00PM**

Men Can Heal – www.men-can-heal.org

After a good first year running, Men Can Heal are pleased to confirm that on the last Saturday of the month they will be running a new session in the Aylesbury library between 9.45am - 10.45am. As with their Thursday group, tea, coffee and the all important biscuits will be provided and the sessions will be free. At the first meeting they are planning to provide bacon rolls for those men who can make it!

In July 2022 Men Can Heal became affiliated with Champion The Change- which is fantastic news- they are extremely grateful to Isobel Shea @ Champion the Change for her help and support in making this happen. Men Can Heal are also in conversation with Bucks New University about running a group for the male students..... to be continued!

AVMKAASS: Male Group Therapy

Sexual Assault & Abuse Support Service
Aylesbury Vale & Milton Keynes

Male Group Therapy for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Abuse

Have you experienced sexual assault and or abuse?
Would you welcome the opportunity to discuss with other survivors from across the Thames Valley?
Then please join us for our online group meetings running for 8 weeks from 6pm – 8pm:

Week 1 – Wednesday 26th October 2022
Week 2 – Wednesday 2nd November 2022
Week 3 – Wednesday 9th November 2022
Week 4 – Wednesday 16th November 2022
Week 5 – Wednesday 23rd November 2022
Week 6 – Wednesday 30th November 2022
Week 7 – Wednesday 7th December 2022
Week 8 – Wednesday 14th December 2022

The group will be facilitated by a qualified group therapist and a facilitator who have received additional training on the impact of sexual violence and trauma. Sessions will be 2 hours and cover emotional regulation, distress tolerance, interpersonal effectiveness, and trauma and the brain.

Please email support@avmksaass.org.uk to make a referral.
Spaces are limited and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
Survivors will then be contacted to ensure that a group setting is appropriate for the individual.

"It was a brilliant service that truly supported me through one of the most difficult times in my life. Would highly recommend others to take part if they have experienced traumas as a result of sexual violence"

Registered Charity 1175021

Tuesday Tunes:

For more information please contact Benedicta Lasoye, Communities Officer at Aylesbury Town Council- b.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/ 01296 425678.

A toe-tappingly fantastic service for anyone who loves music

#TUESDAY TUNES

Making musical memories
Supporting our Dementia Friendly community

The first Tuesday of every month
10am-11:30am
Aylesbury Library



Chiltern Rangers- Platinum Way Tree Planting

Chiltern Rangers have 4000 hedgerow plants and trees to plant and we won 't be able to do it without your help!!

Dates: Monday 28 November - Friday 9 December

Location: Platinum Way Footway & Cycleway, Aylesbury

For more information and to register your interest, please email info@chilternrangers.co.uk

We also have bird boxes looking for homes. Would you like one for your home? If you are a resident of Platinum Way please email your details to info@chilternrangers.co.uk



Together We Build

The Together We Build exhibition and events programme kicks off on **9th September and runs until 4th November** at cultural venues across Bucks. 12 venues that have chosen to take part, will celebrate our County's Paralympic heritage by displaying objects chosen by disabled Community Curators, and running events inspired by the Paralympic story.

Our project celebrates the 10-year anniversary of the London 2012 Paralympics, honouring the work of Dr Guttman and the heritage and stories linked to this amazing event. We are extremely proud to be working with a group of passionate Community Curators, who are bringing their voices to the project and sharing their stories too.

This is a chance to see a selection of Paralympic objects that have not been on display before, including: the Tokyo 2020 Torch, a Paralympic Athlete's shirt designed by Stella McCartney for 2012, the Swaypole Dress and Gravity Corset from the 2012 Paralympic Opening Ceremony, lion and futuristic mascots and Chris Hallam's Racing Wheelchair, among others. These items will be on display at venues across the County and via our virtual gallery.

On 9th September, we are hosting an online Panel Discussion exploring the legacy since 2012. This event will also begin to shape our thinking about an Access Manifesto for cultural venues in Bucks.

To find out more about the exhibition and events, to view our virtual gallery and to book a place for the Panel Discussion, please visit: www.buckinghamshireculture.org/Together-We-Build

For further information about the project and to see all opportunities as they arise please see: www.buckinghamshireculture.org/Together-We-Build and #TogetherWeBuildBucks on social media. Or contact Lallie: Lallie@buckinghamshireculture.org

Together We Build is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to National Lottery players. Support has also been provided by Buckinghamshire Council.

[See Mascots, Torches, Racing Wheelchairs and much more across Bucks – Buckinghamshire Culture \(wordpress.com\)](http://www.buckinghamshireculture.org/Together-We-Build)

Having your say

Your Voice Bucks: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>

Have your say and participate in local and Countywide consultations and surveys

Love Your Heart Bucks – Help us to shape our campaign

We'd love to hear your opinions on our plans for a new campaign in Buckinghamshire called 'Love Your Heart Bucks'. We aim to raise awareness of how you can love your heart by keeping it healthy, which will lower your risk of having a stroke or heart attack in the future-

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/public-health/5649b670/>

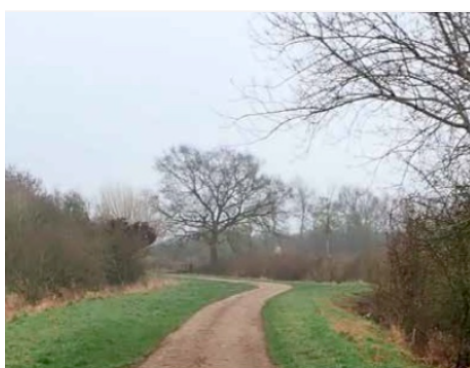
Background- Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a public health challenge nationally and locally. CVD is more likely to affect those from the most deprived communities and those with South Asian or African Caribbean heritage. Poor cardiovascular health can cause heart attacks, strokes, heart failure, chronic kidney disease, peripheral arterial disease, and the onset of vascular dementia. Most CVD cases can be prevented. Risk factors such as high blood pressure, smoking, high cholesterol, diabetes, physical inactivity, obesity, poor diet and excessive drinking can all be reduced, which then lowers a person's risk of developing CVD.

Local Projects

Buckingham Park to Berryfields Greenway

The new Cycleway is now open! [Buckingham Park Link – Greenways and Cyclerroutes](#)

[Berryfields to Buckingham Park Greenway | Buckinghamshire Council](#)



SEALR

Work continues on the South East Aylesbury Link Road (SEALR) project. Please read our recent e-bulletin for the latest update on scheme progress and what's coming up / sign up to receive future e-bulletins, by checking out the Project Webpages, here: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/sealr

If you have any queries about the project please email here: hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Help and Information

Helping Hands: 01296 531 1510 [Contact Helping Hands | Buckinghamshire Council](#).

Our Helping Hand team are available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis. Get in contact by phone or the online form, the team will ask you a few questions about your situation so that they can offer the best support or advice.

Bucks Online Directory (BOD): <https://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Find activities, services and groups near you. This directory also includes groups offering support for those affected by Covid-19/lockdown. Groups who are registered with BOD are advised to update their listing.

Bucks Family Information Service:

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/parent.page?parentchannel=24>. A place for families to find activities, organisations and services- such as [things to do, advice support and details of the local offer for SEND](#)

Fix My Street: <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

Report a problem on a street/road in Buckinghamshire or track the progress of reported issues.

Ukraine Information and Support: [A Helping Hand for Ukraine | Buckinghamshire Council](#).

Information about Homes for Ukraine Scheme and support and guidance for sponsors and guests.

Live Well Stay Well: [Live Well Stay Well](#) is a free service that has helped thousands of people to lose weight, quit smoking, get more active, feel happier or manage their diabetes. We can also support with the emotional challenges of managing long term conditions, and support families to manage a child's weight. If you would like to refer someone to the service, click [here](#). If you would like to self-refer, or know someone else who would like to, click [here](#)

Community Impact Bucks: Does your charity, social enterprise, community group or grassroots organisation need some support to help you thrive and grow? Or perhaps you know of or work with an organisation that would benefit from some tailored advice or training? Guidance, resources and tools Bespoke and tailored support.

Training, peer support and networking opportunities Community Impact Bucks is here to help. Our VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) Support Service, funded by Buckinghamshire Council, can help with all aspects of running an organisation including leadership, funding, governance and volunteer recruitment and management, with priority given to those with income of less than £100,000.

We are here to help new ideas get off the ground, help charities and groups to set up or grow, and help organisations put in place the structures, funding and people they need to be successful. We can also help when charities and groups are going through difficult times, offering support to help them be stronger and more resilient so they can keep making a difference.

Getting Started is easy:

Have a look at our online guidance on www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk

Complete a short form requesting support: www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/request-for-support

Call or email us for a chat: 0300 111 1250 / info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk



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 \(local-heritage-list.org.uk\)](http://Home - Buckinghamshire's Local Heritage List (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.