



Wexham & The Ivers Community Board agenda

Date: Tuesday 21 February 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Harvey Memorial Hall, George Green Road, George Green, Slough, SL3 6BJ

BC Councillors:

Dr W Matthews (Chairman), T Egleton (Vice-Chairman), R Bagge, P Griffin, T Hogg and L Sullivan

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

The Ivers and Wexham

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Wexham & The Ivers Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wexham & The Ivers Community Board held on Monday 21 November 2022 in Jubilee Pavilions, High Street, Iver, SL0 9PW, commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.47 pm.

BC Councillors present

Dr W Matthews (Chairman), P Griffin, T Hogg and L Sullivan

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

J Cook (Iver Parish Council), T Heath (Richings Park Residents Association), P Kinson (Wexham Parish Residents Association), P Leech (Iver Village Residents Association), M Pearce (Orchard Park Residents Association) and G Spring (Wexham Parish Council)

Others in attendance

K Brown (Smartville), E Cook (BC), M Devlin (BC), C Gibson (Colne Valley Regional Park), A Mayling (The Ivers Hive), A Sultan (BC), M Tait (BC), J Ward (BC) and G Young (Iver Good Neighbour Scheme)

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Introduction and Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor Wendy Matthews, welcomed the Community Board to the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from R Bagge, T Egleton, S Keyes, O Kraus, D Ryder and P Stanhope.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Action Notes

The notes of the meeting held on 20 April 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

5 Community Safety Team Presentation (Virtual)

The Community Board received a virtual presentation from Chris Geen (Community Safety Team Leader and Serious Organised/Violent Crime Lead) on the work of the Community Safety Team. The following key points were made during the

presentation:

The Community Safety Team were responsible for delivering:

- Crime prevention and awareness campaigns, for example on water safety, burglaries, personal safety and anti-social behaviour (ASB).
- Communication messaging via social media, media, newsletters and by attending community events.

Safeguarding/Modern Slavery/Exploitation:

- Examples of community safety schemes across the county and campaigns to help raise awareness and put victims in contact with local support services included:
 - Hotel Watch: helped to prevent child exploitation in local hotels by helping owners and staff to spot and report potential crimes.
 - Safe Places: a business could become a safe space where people in need could get support.
 - Shop Watch: a partnership of local retailers that works with the Council and the Police to stop theft, crime and anti-social behaviour in shops across the county.
 - Ask for Angela: people who felt unsafe, vulnerable or threatened could discreetly seek help by approaching venue staff and asking them for 'Angela'. This code-phrase would indicate to staff that they required help with their situation and a trained member of staff would then look to support and assist them.
- Serious Violence Task Force: role of the taskforce was to implement the new Serious Violence Duty, work to reduce serious violence in partnership and provide operational support to the Police.
- Place based local problem solving task groups have been established covering Aylesbury Town Open Space, Chesham Town, Buckingham Town and Wycombe Town.
- Early intervention support and youth outreach work was undertaken through funding and commissioning providers such as 1-2-1 mentoring to high risk young people.

The Domestic Abuse Team were responsible for:

- Co-ordinating partnership approach and activities to tackle Domestic Abuse (DA) & Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).
- Providing triage workers to Multi-Agency-Safeguarding hub.
- Conducting homicide reviews, which was a statutory duty.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team were responsible for:

- Investigating and collaborating with Police using ASB legal powers and restorative interventions.
- Co-ordinating the monthly Anti-Social Behaviour Multi-Agency Action Group.
- Problem solving local ASB issues, for example through projects such as the multi-agency run Blue Light Project.
- Co-ordinating Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) across the County.
- Co-ordinating Wardens activities Aylesbury and Wycombe Town.

- Co-ordinating CCTV across Buckinghamshire. The team were currently conducting a service review of CCTV across Buckinghamshire.

In response to a question regarding what was happening in the Community Board area, Chris explained that he was aware that there were some anti-social behaviour issues in the area which the Anti-Social Behaviour Team were dealing with. Chris advised that the team was working with Sergeant Dan Ryder from Thames Valley Police to look into whether there was any work which could be done with young people and youth groups in the area. This would require funding and therefore the help of other organisations would be needed. Julie Cook (Iver Parish Council) was aware of some work which was taking place to support children and parents in the area who were victims of bullying and anti-social behaviour. Julie advised that she would pass the details of this onto Aniqah Sultan (Community Board Manager) for circulation to the Board. **Action Julie Cook.**

The Community Board thanked Chris for his presentation.

6 **Community Matters**

Petition - Iverdale Close, Iver

Councillor Luisa Sullivan made reference to the report attached to the agenda regarding Iverdale Close in Iver. The report referred to an e-petition, which had been received by Buckinghamshire Council, requesting for a speed table at the junction of Iverdale Close and Mansion Lane and further vertical traffic calming measure in the vicinity of No 52 Mansion Lane. The e-petition had attracted 71 signatures. Concern had been raised by residents that there had been damage caused to wing mirrors of parked vehicles on Mansion Lane due to the “speed of the cars travelling along Mansion Lane....pets run over and near misses of those exiting Iverdale Close”.

Having noted the reasons set out in the report as to why Buckinghamshire Council would not provide capital funding for traffic calming measures at the entrance at Iverdale Close and on Mansion Lane, the Community Board discussed the issues raised by the petitioners. The Community Board felt that the alternative option, as set out in section 3 of the report, was not a viable option as would be unlikely to resolve the situation.

In recognition of the need to improve highway safety and reduce speed in the area, it was agreed that Councillor Sullivan would ask Neil O’Leary, Network Safety Team Leader –TfB, and the Local Area Technician whether there was some signage that could be provided which could help highlight the hidden junction and slow the speed of vehicles down. Councillor Sullivan would also enquire about whether a safety traffic mirror would be beneficial. It was noted that Councillor Sullivan would update the Community Board at the next meeting. **Action: Councillor Sullivan**

7 **Family Services**

The Community Board received an update on Buckinghamshire’s Family Support

Service from Debbie Hulme (Community Co-ordinator, Buckinghamshire Council). Debbie explained that the service provided a range of support for parents and children aged up to 19 years (or up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities). An information leaflet was circulated to the Community Board, which set out the different levels of support that were offered by the Service and how these could be accessed:

- Level 1 support: The first level of support included online information, a local support directory and advice line from the Family Information Service. There were sessions, courses and drop ins held at Family Centres across Buckinghamshire. Furthermore, there was a partnership forum which supported professionals who worked with families, children and young people.
- Level 2 support: The second level of support involved short term small group and, when required, individual targeted support for parents and young people. The Service offered a range of groups which reflected the emerging needs of Buckinghamshire's communities.
- Level 3 support: If a family were experiencing multiple or complex issues, the Service could offer more focused support for up to 6 months. The Service would work with the family and other relevant agencies to support the family through a coordinated agreed family plan.
- Requests for support for a child, young person or family could be made online at <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>.

Debbie advised that there was a Family Centre in Iver which ran a number of activities, including 'play and explore' and 'messy play' sessions. More information on these activities and the support which the Service provides could be found online at <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>. This includes information on a range of virtual and face to face courses for young people, such as 'how to be confident and feel better about yourself' and 'how to cope with stress, anxiety and feeling low'. There was also information available on a number of parenting programmes and resources.

A suggestion was made that information leaflets on the role of the Service could be made available at the Iver Christmas Lights Event, which was taking place at Iver Village Hall.

The Community Board thanked Debbie for her update.

8 Buckinghamshire Council Youth Support Presentation

The Community Board received a presentation from Stuart Parker, Buckinghamshire Council's Community Youth Service Development Manager. The first half of the presentation covered the work of the Family Support Service Community Youth Team. The following key points were made:

- The Community Youth Team was currently made up of 9 officers.
- Youth service changes in 2012 led to 16 youth centres being leased out with service level agreements in place. The Council had an ongoing commitment to support these centres.

- In terms of wider Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) representation, the team engaged with stakeholders of VCS organisations and took a lead on community youth forums.
- In response to a question, Stuart explained that he understood that a mapping exercise had been undertaken in the past to identify what provision was already available. [Post Meeting note: as the mapping exercise had been undertaken some time ago, the profile would not be circulated with the notes. Moving forward, due to the structure changes within the service, the links with Community Boards and relevant sub-groups would help identify any gaps in youth provision. Furthermore, once the Youth Ambassador Programme was fully launched, the Youth Ambassadors would help the service to identify any issues that need addressing directly from a young person's perspective.]
- The Community Youth Team took an active role in supporting funding opportunities. They could provide advice on funding applications, including those submitted to Community Boards.
- The Community Youth Team worked alongside the Community Safety Team to address youth issues.
- Other areas of support included; NEET, Youth Voice Bucks, Youth Voice Executive Committee, Shout Out For SEND, We Do Care and bucksinspired.

The second half of the presentation focused on the proposal to improve youth participation in Community Boards. The following key points were made:

- Youth Voice was for 11 to 19-year olds (or up to 25 years old for young people with a disability or learning disability) from Buckinghamshire and was a place where young people could have their voices heard to benefit and strengthen the community and take an active role in making Buckinghamshire the best place to live for all young people. The Youth Voice Executive Committee informed senior leaders from the Council about youth issues and undertook programmes of work to improve local services.
- There was an opportunity to link Community Boards and the existing Youth Voice Executive Committee to ensure that youth participation was embedded into Community Boards and provide young people with the opportunity to have a voice in Community Board activity.
- The proposal was that the Youth Participation Team would support Community Boards to recruit young people to be Youth Ambassadors.
- There would be two Youth Ambassadors per Community Board and they would be a part of the wider Youth Voice Executive Committee.
- The Youth Ambassadors would represent their Community Board at Youth Voice meetings and feedback relevant information and opportunities to their relevant Community Boards for further discussion and action.
- Their role in supporting the Community Boards would include:
 - Being youth advisors to councillors.
 - Conducting their own research with other young people.
 - Making project proposals and applications to take action on the identified change.
 - Host events in their local community to discuss important issues and

develop solutions.

- The Youth Ambassadors could also lead, or be a part of, youth action groups within their Community Board area bringing other young people together on topics of interest in task and finish groups to support the Community Board's action plan and engagement with young people in the area. This could involve linking with local schools, colleges, youth groups and youth partner organisations.

In the discussion which followed, Members of the Community Board were asked to contact Stuart, or the Community Board Manager, if they knew of any local young people who would be interested in the ambassador role or if they had any links to any local groups for young people. It was noted that the Participation Co-ordinator was also going into schools to let them know about the role.

The Community Board thanked Stuart for his presentation and looked forward to welcoming the Youth Ambassadors to the Board.

9 Helping Hand Presentation

The Chairman, Councillor Wendy Matthews, provided an overview of the work carried out by Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hand Team. The slides from the presentation would be attached to these notes. The following key points were made during the presentation:

- The Helping Hand Team offered advice, help and information to people who needed it, including financial help to cover the food and energy costs for households in crisis, as well as helping with paying for other essential items like sanitary items and nappies. The team was available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who were experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.
- For the period 1st April to 30th September 2022, Buckinghamshire was awarded £2.4m of funding from the Household Support Fund to provide support for residents in need of help with food, fuel and other essential household costs.
- There were 5,652 referrals into the team from April 2022 to September 2022 (many were repeats requiring additional support).
- Confirmation had been received of the third tranche of Household Support Fund allocation for the period from 1st October 2022 – 31st March 2023.
- The Helping Hand Team continued to support individuals and families in need of food support. They were able to assist with referrals to food banks and other food support organisations.
- Buckinghamshire Council had launched a Cost of Living Campaign to support residents that were struggling financially. There was a dedicated website for residents to access support at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>.
- Welcoming Spaces were warm, free, safe and supportive spaces that people could visit during the winter. They offered somewhere to:
 - keep warm and save money on your heating
 - look after your physical and mental health

- get access to support, advice and Wi-Fi

They were run by Buckinghamshire Council, council partners and other local organisations. Welcoming Spaces were currently available at main libraries and community libraries, as well as some local churches and halls. More information, including an online directory of Welcoming Spaces in Buckinghamshire, was available on the Council's webpages.

- Following the Government's 'Levelling Up' White Paper, Buckinghamshire Council carried out extensive work to draw up a local approach to promote better opportunity for everyone. The result was the Council's new programme entitled "Opportunity Bucks- Succeeding for All." The programme would focus on 10 wards, where there were significant challenges and people were facing hardship. The 10 wards were in parts of Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Chesham. The launch event would take place on 7th December and would bring together key stakeholders to discuss the next steps of the project. The 5 themes were: health and wellbeing, standard of living, quality of public realm, jobs and education. Initial action plans were being developed. A locally-focused approach would be used, which would be led by the local Community Boards.
- The Helping Hand team could be contacted on 01296 531151 or via an online form at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/contact-helping-hand/>.

The Community Board thanked Councillor Matthews for the presentation.

10 Ivers Hive

The Community Board received an update from Ann Mayling on the Ivers Hive, which was a community support group run by volunteers that supported families across the Ivers. The following points were raised during the update:

- Since the last update, a number of successful events had taken place including a teddy bears picnic, a colour run and fun event, a Lego fun event with model makers from Legoland Windsor and events related to Eid.
- The Ivers Hive had been continuing its work to redistribute and recycle preloved items back into the community.
- The Ivers Hive was also very busy organising the Ivers Hive Christmas Children's Gift Appeal. Most of the referrals which had been received had come from local schools.
- Now in its second year, the Ivers Hive was developing relationships with other organisations and groups so that it could work in collaboration with others.
- Funding was the biggest challenge as donations in terms of money were going down. If anyone was interested in getting involved with fundraising, they were asked to let Ann know.
- The Ivers Hive was very lucky to have a core group of committed volunteers, but was always looking for more volunteers. If anyone was interested in volunteering, please contact Ann for more information.

The Community Board thanked Ann for the update.

11 Food Bank

The Community Board received an update from the Chairman, Councillor Wendy Matthews, on the Foodbank which was held every Friday 10.30am-12.00pm at The Pavillion on Iver Heath Recreational Ground. The following points were made during the update:

- The Trussell Trust provided food parcels which contained a minimum of three days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable, tinned and dried foods that have been donated by the local community. Toiletries were also provided when stock allowed. Parcels were set up to reflect the needs of families, for example nappies for those with babies.
- The Foodbank at Iver had also teamed up with London Slough Food Run to provide fresh food in addition to the parcels provided by The Trussell Trust.
- The Foodbank was run on a referral basis.
- There was a delivery service for those who could not get to the Foodbank.
- Fuel vouchers and mobile sim cards were also available.
- Whilst the demand for the Foodbank was increasing, the number of donations had been decreasing. Food donation baskets were to be placed around Iver to try to encourage more donations.

The Community Board thanked Councillor Matthews for the update.

12 Libraries

The Community Board received an update on Iver Heath Community Library from Margaret Tait (Iver Heath Community Library) and Joanna Ward (Library Manager, Buckinghamshire Library Service). The following points were made during the update:

- There were 2,017 members of the library. Many of these were online members.
- The library had a Facebook group which people could join.
- Details on the opening times of the library could be viewed on Buckinghamshire Council's website. The library was now opening every Saturday morning 10am to 1pm.
- The library was one of the Council's 'Welcoming Spaces'. Welcoming Spaces were warm, free, safe and supportive spaces that people could visit during the winter.
- There were a number of activities and events held at the library for children, such as rhyme time and story time. There were also activities and events for adults, such as a scrabble afternoon and a craft afternoon, held at the library.
- Margaret was looking to set up a Friends of the Library Group.
- The library had a number of great volunteers working there, but more volunteers were needed. Anyone who was interested in volunteering at the library were asked to contact Margaret (lib-ivh@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

In the discussion which followed, Margaret stated that she would welcome any suggestions for events/activities that people would like to be held/run at the library. She intended to visit retirement homes and sheltered housing in the area to find out what residents would like to do at the library. Debbie Hulme advised that Margaret

was welcome to attend some of the family events held at the Ivers Family Centre to find out what families would be interested in.

It was noted that there was also a Social Library, run by Wexham Parish Council and Wexham Parish Residents Association, which was held every 3rd Saturday in the month starting at 2pm at the Harvey Memorial Hall on George Green Road.

The Community Board thanked Margaret and Joanna for their update.

13 Buckinghamshire Council Update

Makyla Devlin (Senior Community Board Manager) introduced the Buckinghamshire Council Update document, which had been circulated as part of the agenda reports pack. The update highlighted that the Council had a number of initiatives to help with the cost of living crisis including the helping hands scheme, welcoming spaces and information and advice.

Support for Ukrainian guests continued across the county. The Council continued to work hard to make sure families could access schooling, work, finance, practical items, English language lessons and emotional support through the Helping Hand for Ukraine Scheme. The Council continued to also work with its voluntary sector colleagues and local community groups to support families.

It was noted that Buckinghamshire Council would be starting new highways contracts in April 2023 and that these would impact on Community Board projects currently in the pipeline. Given the changes to the Highway Service, Community 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 would be consulted on the development of a new protocol and process for Highway Schemes during the transition to the new contract ready for April 2023. The new highways working arrangement would include a community based design delivery model for small schemes specifically for Community Boards to develop their local highway schemes.

Members of the Community Board were asked to let Aniqah Sultan (Community Board Manager) know if they had any questions regarding the update, which she would then forward onto Sarah Keyes (Service Director for Human Resources and Organisational Development, Buckinghamshire Council).

14 Written Policing Update

The Community Board noted the written policing update, which had been circulated with the agenda pack.

15 Verbal Budget Update and Current Projects

Aniqah Sultan (Community Board Manager) provided an update on the Community Board budget and current projects. The following points were raised:

- The total spend to date for 2022-23 was £51,708.71.
- The projects funded by the Community Board were as follows:

- 1st Iver Heath Scouts - Outdoor equipment: £990.00
 - Iver Community Association – Uplift on doors (the money necessary to account for the increase in price since the application was originally made): £1,265.00
 - Community Board – Ivers Parking Scheme: £36,729.89
 - Wexham Parish Council – Verge management: £11,923.82 (total cost of project was £12,923.82 - £1,000 being met by contributory funding)
 - Richings Park Residents’ Association – Children’s Christmas party: £800.00
- There was £38,766.29 remaining for 2022-23.
 - Projects which were in the pipeline totalled £19,439.
 - An update was provided on some of the projects which were in the pipeline. There was now a contract in place for the Grow it, Cook it, Eat it project and Aniqah would shortly be meeting with the provider to progress the project. Groundwork South had put forward a revised project and a decision was pending on the Black Park boats application.
 - In response to a query regarding the application for the ‘Schools Litter Competition’, it was noted that the application was still going through the decision making process.
 - Julie Cook (Iver Parish Council) noted that Iver Parish Council had put in an application for a speed gun and speed display signs, but had been advised that it was on hold as the funding had changed. In response to Julie’s question as to whether the application needed to be resubmitted, Aniqah advised that she would look into this and would let Julie know. **Action: Aniqah Sultan**
 - With regard to the Community Board Working Groups, Aniqah advised that they were looking for more representatives from the Wexham area to sit on the Working Groups. If anyone was interested, please could they contact her.

16 Proud of Bucks

The Community Board Manager announced that the Proud of Bucks awards were back. The awards were to recognise local people for their outstanding community contributions during 2022. Nominations would open on 9th January 2023 until 12th February 2023 and the awards would be presented at a local event in Spring.

The Nomination Categories were as follows and there would be 1 winner and 1 highly commended per category for each Community Board area:

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

17 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for 7.00pm on 21 February 2023 at the Harvey Memorial Hall.

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Circular Walks Green Enhancement by Groundwork South

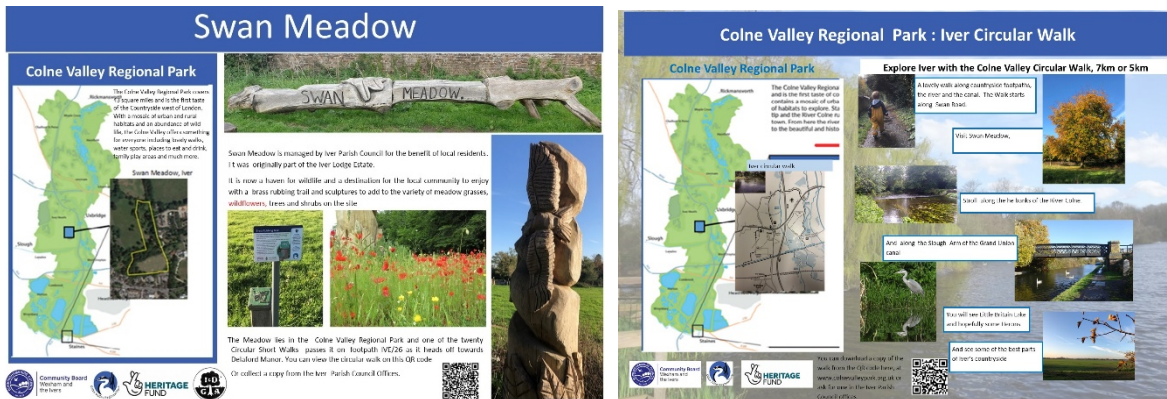
As we have previously, raised, we focused delivery on the aspects of the project that prioritised improving the environment and the accessibility of the circular walks for the community. We were unable to deliver the Green Team element of the project due to the difficulties of recruiting staff during this post Covid time frame. In discussing this with yourselves we did offer (reluctantly) to hand the funding back, so that it could be spent on other projects but was informed that if this happens the funding would be lost to Wexham and Iver. We most definitely did not want this to happen!

Therefore it was agreed to focus on the big picture of the project of improving the environment in the area, engaging the community and improving the access to the countryside for residents.

Aims:

1 Improve the Environment and Protect Buckinghamshire’s Green Space

To improve the two Colne Valley Circular Walks (Iver and Langley) we have designed and commissioned two new information boards for Iver, one will be sited outside the Iver Parish Council Offices and one on Swan Meadow.



Drafts of the new information boards; These are with the professional designers.

Work is also scheduled this month to improve the walks on the ground with a walk round by contractor and Groundwork staff, litter picking, cutting back overgrowth and making improvements as necessary for walkers.

Four free sessions at Iver Environment Centre have been offered to Iver Primary Schools and they are all booked in to enjoy a day learning about biodiversity and all things environmental as well as having some fun whilst they learn.

We are seeking permission to plant wildflower strips along the circular walk routes, slightly hampered, at the moment, in getting permission from Carta Jonas on the Langley farmland and by rabbits which mean we can't plant in the area we first chose along the route near the Ridgeway

Trading Estate. We are talking with the farmer to see if there is another strip on his land where we could plant which would be less accessible to the rabbits.

2. Contribute to Buckinghamshire's post -covid economic regeneration efforts.

As mentioned in our introduction sadly the post covid affect also hampered our recruitment and despite going to market three times we failed to recruit a manager and leader to run a green team.

What we were able to do was to ensure that another project within Groundwork that happened late last year and involved trainees was directed to delivering improvements to the Langley Circular Walk and in particular the Slough Arm of the canal. Our ambitions for the Green Team element of the project continue and we are happy to say that we have now recruited our management team and whilst they will not start in time for this project they will be following up with other teams of trainees in the area and have agreements with contractors that those trainees will get guaranteed interviews following their courses.

3. We will carry out key green infrastructural improvement of walkways across the target area

We have also made directional roundels for the walks which will be put up on the routes. The QR codes link to the Short Circular Walks page on the Colne Valley Park website which means that as well as providing the map and notes online if there is a need to communicate a change in route, diversion or similar we will be able to flag this up.



The two Colne Valley Circular walks leaflets are re-printed and will be delivered to the Parish Council offices for giving out to the public and will be available in the Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre as well as at the other Country Parks. These walks are also available on the website.

Contractors are repairing the small bridge over a ditch near the River Colne at Little Britain and the bench on that stretch. They will also be doing a walk and repair along the length of each walk.

4. We will Map put Opportunities for Biodiversity Enhancement

A local led initiative is underway to map the Ivers using GIS and producing maps that incorporate layers of information taken from a range of sources such as historic OS maps, Magic Maps, local knowledge and biological records. This will provide a comprehensive resource to both record the current position and designation of current green space in the Ivers and inform, based on historic records and community input, the ambitions for improvement and restoration of the green space.

Deborah.valman@groundwork.org.uk

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Scout Hut – 1st Iver Heath Scouts

The aim of the project was to create a flexible and usable space for activities which are core to the scout programme.

The area to the rear of the hut was overgrown and had not been in use for many years.

The work has been carried out in phases.

Phase 1 comprised the major hard landscaping to create a paved area to the rear of the hut with firepits built into the area. The area is accessed through a lockable gate which means this area can be used separately from the hut and the second paved area if necessary.

These fire pits are covered when not in use.

A stepped back area is being used as a log store and storage area and to the end backing on to the rear of the garages an area for tomahawk throwing. This area is fenced off from the general area and has netting to prevent any tomahawks leaving the site. Crash mats are placed on the ground to protect the paving and ensure the tomahawks are not blunted.

Phase 2

This area which is to the side of the hut bordering the village hall car park. It was extended to create a significantly larger paved area and to create a ramp to access the firepit area.

This area has been cleared and new fencing with gravel boards installed to provide an area for activities. This area is also used for large camp fires. A larger 1.20 m firebowl was purchased and benches were made and donated by Men in Sheds.

The remaining area has been cleared of all undergrowth and levelled. This has been prepared to install traverse climbing panels. This will represent phase 3 of the project.

Currently, we are researching the best configuration for the space, layout and flexibility for mixed ages. We are also looking at best options for ground cover.

The remaining area to the front of the hut is being scoped as a site for the cook it, grow it project working with Bucks.

We encountered some challenges:

1. The increase in materials costs meant the hard landscaping work was around 15% more than originally budgeted.
2. On clearing the area behind the hut it emerged that to ensure no impact on our neighbours' fences from the work we would have to build a small retaining wall and fence panels. We also changed the design to access the area to ensure the ramp would be suitable for wheelchair users.

The funding from Wexham and Ivers Community board enable us to deliver Phase 1 of the project and the contributory funding from 1st Iver Heath Scouts is funding the remainder of the work.

The areas have been in use by all age groups and is also available for the brownies and Explorers who meet at the hut.

The young people love lighting the fire pits and have cooked meals as well as toasting marshmallows. They have also had camp fires and celebrated 5th November in the area. This outside space will be well used and will help us to deliver more outdoor activities on site throughout the year. It also helps us grow the capacity of our groups.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone at the community board for your support. Our leaders, young leaders, volunteers and young people are so grateful for funding this project.





Project Report for Community Board Meeting – Delaford Colts FC

Firstly, can I, on behalf of Delaford Colts Members, once again thank The Wexham and Ivers Community Board for funding our project which in our view has been very successful.

As a club, we are dependent on volunteers and community support through sponsorship and funding, so it was an amazing opportunity to really establish and strength out position as a local community club that allows us to help local children enjoy sport in a fun and safely organised environment.

The project went well, and we managed to satisfy the club needs over the two-year period to purchase the training equipment and match kit required to ensure the club continue to run in a safe and organised manner catering for all out 10 teams.

Goals: We managed to successfully purchase 6 new goals that replaced the old rusted and worn goals which were rapidly becoming a health and safety issue, so this funding came at exactly the right time which now ensures that all teams have enough sets of goals for match days as well as training each footballing weekend. The biggest challenge we had was constructing the goals but as the pictures below show our members DIY skills were tested, we managed to get there.

Football/Managers Kits: With the funds we also managed to purchase match kits for a couple of teams which allows our players to represent the club in a professional manner, we will look to recycle these for a few years to make the best use of them. As well as match kits manager kits were purchased. Our members were very impressed with the new smart customised kits and gives a feel-good factor around the club as well as the Iver Community.

Training & Match Equipment: Training and Match Footballs, cones, bibs were purchased to ensure all teams have enough equipment for the coaches to run effective training sessions to progress development of all our players.

Safety Kit: In addition, it was imperative that we had enough First Aid kits and safety equipment across all teams.

The success of this project has been evident by the positive feedback we have had in the community and from our parent members commending the training facilities and equipment in comparison to other local clubs. We constantly get compliments on how well run we are which I believe, would not be forthcoming without the recent purchases from this funding. We have happy local Ivers children enjoying sport in a safe and fun environment. As well as developing their sporting skills they are also progressing as young humans, building their character confidence and mental strength. We truly believe we are successfully bringing joy to the Ivers Community.

Parent Testimonial. "I'm a football loving dad who wants the best for my son. I left Delaford to seek a new challenge for my son, soon realising that the grass is not always greener elsewhere. Realising that other clubs did not have the training facilities & equipment and organisation of Delaford Colts I looked to return and was welcomed back with open arms - a relieved parent with a now very happy child!"

Finally, I believe these funds will enhance the longevity of Delaford Colts Football Club and allow us to continue the good work from our Iver Community volunteers.



The Ivers Parish Council The Ivers Training Hub Community Board Update – February 2023

The Community Board funded a training hub to be used by a trainer and up to 10 persons at a time. The equipment includes an interactive whiteboard and 11 chromebooks that can be used by the trainer and the attendees. The vision was that training would focus on assisting economic recovery (post Covid) by training people to be able to fulfil the jobs that are available and by training businesses to be up to date and that the venue would also provide a training hub for local voluntary organisations to assist them to deliver community based services.

The project was completed by the end of March 2022 and the facility has been operational for more than a year.

Use of the training hub for its main purpose has been slow to develop. The first use by Adult Education was on 3 February 2023 and two further sessions were booked for 10 and 17 February. It is hoped that this use will become more frequent.

However, there has been regular use of the hub by a range of community organisations with the interactive whiteboard being the biggest draw – facilitating meetings and training events where organisations bring their own IT equipment and link (either using WiFi or HDMI cable) to the large screen.

Formal (booked/diarised) use of the hub was 128.75 hours in the first year (21 Feb 2022 to 17 Feb 2023) with the average booking being for two hours.





Photos: I-Can (Ivers Community Action Network)

Louise Steele
Locum Clerk
February 2023

**The Ivers Parish Council
Seniors Coffee Morning
Community Board Update – February 2023**

The Community Board funded the activity of the Ivers Senior Coffee Morning from its post covid resumption in September 2021 to the end of March 2022.

The purpose of the coffee morning is to reduce social isolation amongst older people in The Ivers. At its post covid resumption in 2021 this was a particularly important priority. The coffee morning takes place once a month with an average attendance of 25 older people per session. Tea/coffee, sandwiches and cake are served and there is usually a speaker on a subject of interest (for example a representative of Thames Valley Police speaking about home security). There are three to four special events in any one year, being a Christmas lunch, and, for example an afternoon tea and a barbecue (this last was a particular challenge in the summer of 2022 when no barbecues could be held external to any of the parish council's premises because of the drought – but the volunteers rose to the challenge and used an internal kitchen).

Louise Steele
Locum Clerk
February 2023

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The Ivers Parish Council
Reducing the Environmental Impact of Community Facilities
Community Board Update – February 2023

The Community Board provided some start-up funding for a project by The Ivers Parish Council to reduce the environmental impact of the council's community facilities.

The funding was used to pay a consultant to survey the council's community facilities (pavilions at Iver and Iver Heath Recreation Ground and the premises at 45B High St, Iver) and report on their energy efficiency.

The surveys were undertaken in October 2022 and the resulting "Heating System Strategy & Energy Efficiency Reports" have been provided for each building, suggesting areas for improving energy efficiency.

The Ivers Parish Council is now in the process of working through the recommended actions as funds allow. Two quick wins (low cost and high benefit) are:

- improving the insulation levels in the lofts of all properties and competitive quotes for this are currently being obtained;
- upgrading to LED or similar low energy lights (at Iver Heath Pavilion) to replace the existing strip lights and tungsten/halogen bulbs and again competitive quotes for this are currently being obtained.

Parish Council funds have been set aside for a third project which is to instal photovoltaic panels (at 45B High Street, Iver) to provide power to run the building during the day, charge official cars and to charge batteries to provide the power for the Police night shift.

Longer term recommendations include boiler upgrades at all premises. The survey reports also contain advice on the difference between Ground Source and Air Source heat pumps which could be used when the heating systems need replacing.

Louise Steele
Locum Clerk
February 2023

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**The Ivers Parish Council
Hardings Row 'Access for all' Project
Community Board Update – February 2023**

The Community Board has provided funding of **£8,744.51** to improve the access to certain areas of the Hardings Row Nature Reserve in Iver Heath.

Hardings Row Nature Reserve, owned and managed by The Ivers Parish Council offers a lovely walk through various habitats, including a small reedbed, ponds, meadow and woodland. Ant mounds can be found in the meadow and frogs have been known to spawn in the ponds on site. Various species of deer have also been seen here. There is also access to a large meadow adjacent to the reserve that benefits from wildflowers, butterflies, and grasshoppers.

This popular area, a former landfill site, is popular with local residents and visitors alike. As part of the Colne Valley Regional Park (CVRP) there is a good and loyal team who volunteer to keep Hardings Row maintained alongside a maintenance service provided by CVRP which is agreed under a management plan with the the Parish Council.

There is currently a limited amount of decking, made from timber that has been in place for a number of years. Much of this is now rotting and does not provide adequate pathways and steps over the rough terrain that exists. The net result of this project will be more decking and improved safety for all users.

Existing decking at Hardings Row:



The project is to improve the decking and to add more which will give greater coverage and access to residents who have mobility issues making it steadier and safer to use. It will also encourage more of the community to enjoy this area of natural beauty.

The work was planned to be carried out in quarter 4 of this financial year after the completion of another major path infrastructure project completed in Quarter 3 in Iver. The very wet and cold weather in January hampered the start of this activity.



(Example of sustainable composite decking at Godalming, Surrey)

The plan for completion is as below:

Identification of potential contractors (three) to quote for the work.	By end 17 th February 2023
Site visits with potential contractors for scoping and quote production	By end 24 th February 2023
Review of contractors and selection	By end 3 rd March 2023
Commencement of work	From 6 th March 2023

The support provided by the Ivers Parish Council will be the management time to manage the project and the time of the Grounds Maintenance to 'make good' existing parts of the decking where this can happen and treat to preserve the life of the timber. The product to be used for the new and improved decking will be of a sustainable nature for long life and

durability. This product will require minimal maintenance in the future and will be safer for all users.

Jeremy Day
Deputy Clerk
February 2023

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The Ivers Parish Council Community Buddy Benches Project Community Board Update – February 2023

The Community Board funded the supply 3 Buddy Benches to support covid recovery and better community inclusion. The bid was for three benches with one being placed in each of the three main areas of The Ivers – Iver Heath, Iver and Richings Park.

Two will be placed in each of the recreation grounds. A further location has been identified in Richings Park and agreement with a Local Area Technician will be sought.

The Benches were ordered in September 2022 and were received and an invoice for the **£1,650** has been submitted. The matched funding from the Parish council was installation (and associated costs) to be carried out by the Parish Council maintenance team.

The original plan was to install rainbow colours and aim them for use by children mainly but on further investigation we discovered different coloured options and a meeting of the Open Spaces & Highways committee of the Parish Council it was decided to install green benches. *(Additional picture of unassembled benches to demonstrate colour)*



Originally the installation plan was December 2022 but the bad weather during that month caused a delay and January was a very wet month therefore the plan for installation is the back end of February 2023 – by 3rd March.

Once installed, the Parish Council will distribute pictures of the installations to the Community Board via the Community Board Manager or Cllr Wendy Matthews.

Jeremy Day
Deputy Clerk
February 2023

**The Ivers Parish Council
Wildflowers Project
Community Board Update – February 2023**

Attached is a summary of the Wildflower Project from 2022. (previously available)

We were amazed that with the good weather at the end of summer the blooming lasted significantly longer than we expected, and having taken advice, we delayed the strimming of debris until as late as possible to ensure residents and visitors could enjoy the 'show' for as long as possible.

Therefore, I can report that in November 2022 the Grounds Team in-conjunction with Blue Sky carried out maintenance work on the sites (strimming back the debris after re-seeding had occurred naturally) and scattered further sand and seed mix of a different variety that will enhance the re-seeding from 2022.

We are therefore anticipating a bloom this year from spring onwards and we are already seeing 'signs of life' developing currently.

We are grateful to the Community Board for the support of this activity.

Jeremy Day
Deputy Clerk
February 2023

F L O W E R S



The Ivers Parish
Council flowers
verges project

The residents and community of The Ivers Parish Council have been overwhelmed by the success of the Wildflower Verges planting funded in part by the Wexham and Ivers Community Board.

A grant of £8,850 to support the cost of this project was awarded. The bid was made under the 'Improving our environment' and 'health and wellbeing' priorities.

There were several steps to go through to get the project underway and as the 'project manager' for the Parish Council I was significantly supported by Cllr Luisa Sullivan throughout the project. I am very grateful for her support and that of our Parish Council Councillor Wendy Matthews generally for encouragement and advice / guidance.

Once we had identified around 30 sites across the entire Parish we set about purchasing seed and sand and used the services of Steve Finn and the Blue Sky development team (a social enterprise) to prepare the areas. Once prepared, a few weeks later seed and sand scattering took place using a mix of wildflowers called Patriotic mix. Once scattered, it was left to Mother Nature to do her 'stuff'. Depending on when seeds are sown, bloom can happen early spring or early summer. In our case, with the timing of the seeding we were expecting the bloom for early summer to coincide with the Jubilee of the late Monarch. This was also planned to coincide with the installation of the yearly hanging baskets across the Parish. Best laid plans but unfortunately our Hanging baskets were a little later due to the sheer volume of work our contractor had and also a slight growing delay with the varied weather we had. Our Wildflower verges began to slowly bloom around the Jubilee but really came into their own from July onwards and have been amazing over the summer months.

When wildflowers are germinating and growing they like lots of water but once in bloom they thrive on sunshine and mild weather and we have had plenty of that this year. They have continued to bloom far longer than we expected. It's only now in November that we are looking to trim back and allow natural re-seeding for next year!

We have received amazing feedback, lots of comments and many residents sprawled on the pavements taking pictures of the amazing displays we received.

The project was a success and all but three areas were a 'blooming' success.

The Parish Council will consider the regular continuation of this project which brightened up the Parish and became a community talking and focal point.

Again, our thanks go to the Community Board for its contribution and support of this project. We hope some members of the Community Board were able to see these areas and that you have enjoyed viewing the images on this report.

Jem Day
Deputy Clerk
The Ivers Parish Council
November 2022



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Wexham and Ivers Community Board

Wexham Parish Council funding report

This year Wexham Parish Council made two funding applications which were successful and this report provides an overview as to how the monies were used.

George Green Juniors Football Club, Storage Shed - £4846.00

The Harvey Memorial recreation grounds are the home of George Green Juniors FC, this club has multiple teams from the ages of 5-14 it is a diverse club of both offering football with both boy and girl teams playing under FA guidance.

The management of the club approached Wexham Parish for the provision of equipment storage, space within the Harvey Hall is at a premium so it was felt that if a shed could be provided they would then have a self sufficient and secure base.

Wexham Parish Council retain the ownership of the new shed and it is provided to the club whilst they are using our facilities, the shed is now included within the clubs fees for use of grounds.

The pictures below show the building which was supplied by Nucrete a company which Wexham Parish Council had a track record, we expect the building to have a life span of 20 years plus if we compare it with the existing pre-cast buildings in the adjacent location.

Key Presentation to Steve Hale
Manager of George Green Juniors FC



Wexham Parish Council funding report

The second project application was for funding towards activities relating to the Queens Jubilee Wexham Parish Council applied for a maximum grant £4000 on the understanding that we would keep within this with an expected spending of a lesser amount.

The grant settlement was : £2158..96

Wexham Parish Council decided that it would endeavour to only purchase items for the Jubilee celebrations that had an amount of longevity, the monies enabled us to purchase bunting and flags of civic quality which can be used on other events such as this years Coronation.

Part funding went to St Marys Church to purchase advertising banners & flags suitable for all occasions. Part funding purchased crockery for The Womens Fellowship which again will have perpetual use.

Funding also went into staging two bus shelter exhibitions and our Party on the Park, exhibition materials have already been recycled to the Black Park Model Boat Club

The images below show bunting at Jubilee with flags re-used on Remembrance Sunday, The Bus Shelter Exhibitions and Party on the Park.



IHRA Notice Boards Upgrade

Very happy to report for your CM meeting on the 21st February that our Notice Board Project has been completed.

With the financial supported provided by both the CB and Pinewood Studios - albeit at the time of writing we still await the

cheque from PS - we were able to select a great local contractor to dismantle and remove the rather dilapidated timber sign boards

originally installed by TIPC on Thornbridge Rd. and The Heathway and to replace these two proprietary metal signboards.

As you can see from the photos . Feedback from residents, so far, has been positive and going forward these will be so much

easier to keep them looking tidy and to encourage locals to make good use of them.

Our thanks again for the assistance of the Community Board



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Iver Heath Drama Club

Received £2,250 for performance equipment

We used our grant from the community board to purchase rifle microphones, a laptop to run sound on for the shows, a monitor and a ladder which has already been used for 2 shows: Rapunzel in April 2022 and more recently Aladdin in January 2023. Both productions were an enormous success - we performed to over 1000 people across both productions. The community loved coming to see this traditional family village pantomime and our members loved performing to the community.



Having these extra funds from the Community Board meant we were able to keep our ticket prices down, including a special rate for certain groups, such as the local scouts, enabling more members of our community to access and enjoy local theatre, which is so important to our club.



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Summary:

Richings Players are a not for profit theatre group who have been putting on productions in the Ivers for more than ninety years. We applied for £2,000 for a new cyclorama to project lights on to and £600 for a new floor cloth to go on the stage. This was to replace old equipment that was no longer fit for purpose enabling us to sustain the quality of our productions. We spent £1,083.92 and plan to procure some curtain runners with a cost of about £200 to hang the cyclorama from.

How your project went:

The project was successfully completed and we are very happy with the outcomes. The board funding was used to procure two specialist items. As an amateur society we did not have experience with procuring these items in the past and had to invest the time to research options and find suitable suppliers. One of the challenges was agreeing the measurements of the stage they would be used on as we usually only access that during our productions and were reliant on getting input from one particular member of the society, this resulted in delays. We were hoping to be able to buy accessories at the same time as the drapes and had not realised that the drape suppliers did not stock the corresponding accessories. Through the procurement process we managed to find additional suppliers and procure more robust products for a lower price realising some savings.

Impact on the local community:

We recently staged a production of Robinson Crusoe in Iver Village Hall. It attracted more than 675 audience members across five performances. Through this show Richings Players provided the local community an opportunity to connect with each other as well as encouraging the youngsters in the audience to appreciate the arts. There was a large cast including a large number of young children with some of these having their first opportunity to perform on stage. Their involvement will have helped them grow in confidence, develop new skills and feel more engaged. In the past many members have come back for other productions and / or gone on to a career in the arts. The new cyclorama was a perfect backdrop to our staging, for example we projected ships rigging onto it to complete the effect of our ship. The new floor cloth was a significant improvement on our previous one with the latex backing and tighter weave providing a secure base for our dancers and helping to avoid trips or slips. Overall the production was well received by cast and audience members alike. Thanks for your support, it really has enabled us to raise our game and put on productions to be proud of.





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28.01.2023

Report on upgrade to the floodlights.

We anticipate that this project will be completed by the end of February.

We firstly encountered difficulties with the initial two companies that quoted for us. One wanted increase and change the column heights, which we could not do. The other was reluctant to take on the project when they reviewed the access arrangements.

We were able to subsequently engage Watson Electricals, but progress was slow as they were committed to other works and the electrical survey was quite complicated.

In addition, when the preliminary works started, our wiring to the existing columns was found to be unsatisfactory and needed to be upgraded.

The recent poor weather has also hindered progress.

However, all the trenches are prepared and the lights have been delivered. We expect to see progress in the next three weeks.

The committee is making plans to celebrate the new floodlights when they are operational and we are happy to report on that in due course.

Claire Mowat
Committee member

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The Den at IVJS

Aims:

1. To provide a safe and relaxed environment for all members of our school community to receive the support they need.
2. To provide a community service to help ensure the local community is more resilient
3. To help develop a strong sense of community
4. To improve children's attainment and aspirations by engaging their parents more in school, by making it easier and more attractive for them to visit school through co-location of other Services

During the last few years we have noticed a large increase in families needing extra support. This need grew even more after the pandemic and our school has been providing an increased level of support for a large number of families.

A key aim was to make sure that families felt comfortable coming into school and for them to be able to ask us for help if they needed to. We have ensured that our rooms are furnished so that there is a relaxed atmosphere.



Having a sofa in the room instantly makes children, and adults, feel more relaxed.

We have also been able to purchase resources to help us provide interventions such as Lego therapy and zones of regulation.

By providing interventions on emotional resilience it means that our pupils feel happier and are ready to learn.

We also have a key board in our chill out room as this helps key pupils to relax.



As part of this project we have employed some outside agencies to work with some of pupils. These agencies also use our rooms to meet with parents.



We have employed a Speech and Language therapist for a day a week. She works with a number of our pupils on a 1:1 basis and in small groups. As part of her work she also supports our LSAs in their intervention work.



A play therapist works 2 days a week with us. This allows us to provide a high-quality emotional support for pupils quickly as the CAMHS waiting time is at least 18 months. Our aim is to ensure all our pupils are able to learn to be resilient.

Churchyard Equipment for St Margaret's Church Volunteers

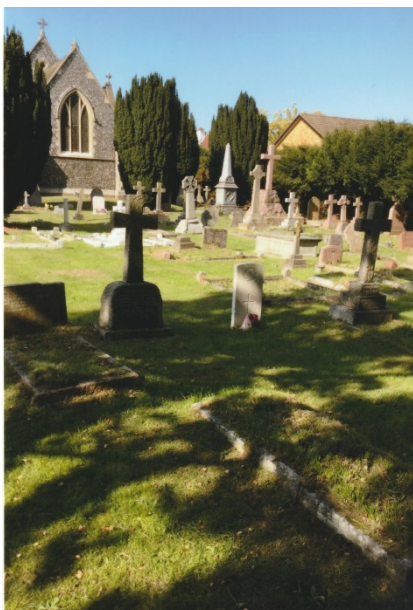
St Margaret's Church volunteers received a grant from The Wexham and Ivers Community Board of £1,411.97 in February 2022.

This amount covered the cost of three Cobra 16 inch push mowers, a Stihl FS40 strimmer/hedgecutter and various accessories (heavy duty loppers/saws etc.) These items are used on a weekly basis during the growing season by a small band of dedicated volunteers.



Not only was the grass kept in trim but brambles and other undergrowth/hedges etc. that had invaded the edges were cut back to enlarge the usable size of the churchyard. This enlargement of the property would not have been possible without the equipment purchased by the grant, as previously the volunteers did not have the tools which were required.

As a result of the work put in by the volunteers the Church Council has received many favourable comments from members of the public on the standards achieved, some taking time to sit in the shade of the beautiful oak trees for times of quiet reflection and contemplation.



It is an understatement to be able to report that the grant has been of great benefit to the public as well as the Church members as the Churchyard has never been better looking.

My team are also responsible for maintaining the hedgerow that runs the length of the church footpath, hence the necessity of the hedge trimmer.

I am very proud of my team of volunteers and of the condition of the Churchyard.

Don Ackrell
St Margaret's Church Volunteers



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

Local Heritage Listing

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORCS funding for EV charge locations

After successfully securing £407k from the [Office for Zero Emission Vehicles](#) (OZEV) via their [On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme](#) (ORCS), the council will now be installing 128 new EV parking bays in 16 of its car parks across the county – with work being completed by April 2023.

We are now looking for other opportunities to broaden the public charging network in local town and village community car parks in Buckinghamshire.

Our aim is to submit a combined bid to the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) in March 2023, to provide the funding for this initiative. We will work alongside town and parish councils to assess what type of chargepoint might be suitable for each site, calculate the cost of installation and the power connection costs, and liaise with EV chargepoint suppliers on behalf of town and parish councils. We can also help to procure and manage the installation.

Find out more about [Buckinghamshire Council's 5-year Action Plan](#) to support the transition of the county to EVs.

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

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

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

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

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

Visitor Economy survey

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

The survey will be an important contributor to a Visitor Economy Strategy currently being developed by Buckinghamshire Council and its partners. The strategy itself will aim to

identify how Buckinghamshire can build on the opportunities within its visitor economy with a view to supporting businesses and creating jobs.

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

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

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

Current and upcoming consultations

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

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

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

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

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Iver/Stoke Poges/George Green

Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of
Sergeant 5731 Dan RYDER
PCSO 6801 Roy FISHER
PCSO 9853 Eloise WARING

Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of representatives from Community Boards from the whole of South Buckinghamshire. The Police do not run the panel, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what you most want improved in the area and consider how we and others can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are then assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team. If you wish to learn more please use the following hyperlink: [Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum – Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together \(csb-forum.org\)](https://www.csb-forum.org)

Follow us

Following on from the Chiltern and South bucks LPA Merger with Wycombe LPA to form the South Buckinghamshire LPA, we are wishing to point out that our original social media pages are no longer active and our new pages are

Twitter @TVP- southbucks - https://twitter.com/@tvp_southbucks

Facebook TVP South Buckinghamshire [TVP South Buckinghamshire - Home | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TVP-South-Buckinghamshire-Home)

In order to receive the latest updates around our patrols, good work, crime prevention and Have your say events, along with what actions we are conducting to tackle community priorities and issues, please ensure you follow the above correct pages and share to increase our visibility and deter criminals

Sign up to Thames Valley Alerts to receive crime and policing updates directly from your local Neighbourhood Team as well as more crime and policing issues. Sign up to the service online

at: www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk or speak with one of your Neighbourhood Team.
www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Priority – Burglary

We have seen a further reduction in burglaries from 7 to 5 this quarter.



The Neighbourhood team have been carrying out proactive patrols and crime reduction leaflet drops at the following locations: Old Slade Lane, Bangors Road North, Stonecroft Avenue, Dutton Way in Iver.

To continue to combat this we have been carrying out proactive operations which specifically floods rural and cross border areas of the LPA with proactive patrols during peak offending times. This has helped us to detect crime and apprehend cross border offenders who use arterial routes to enter our policing area and to protect residents living within South Buckinghamshire.

Please remember these tips to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary especially as the nights are now drawing in

- Cut back your shrubs and hedges to aid visibility
- Set timer switches to turn your lights on when away
- Avoid leaving valuables in plain view e.g. laptops and tablets
- Set any house alarms
- Lock side gates to prevent access to the rear of your property
- Keep any tools and ladders stored safely away in a locked garage
- Don't advertise that you are away and that your home is empty, by 'checking in' or posting your holiday snaps on social media
- Resist uploading any holiday pictures to social media until you have returned home
- Don't leave windows open at the front of your property when you are in the garden

Take a look at Thames Valley Police Website for further crime prevention advice or contact your local Neighbourhood Team.

During this time, although this particular neighbourhood has seen further reductions, neighbouring neighbourhoods have not been so lucky. During this time of seasonal increase in offence's we urge you all to be extra vigilant, any suspicious activity or persons should be reported to the Police immediately to increase our chances of apprehending these offenders.

Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

We have continued to patrol areas subject to Anti-social behaviour. This includes both Iver and Iver heath recreations grounds, Black Park, Pennyletts Green, George Green Road and Blinco lane.

Our patrols and work appear to have decreased in the number of reports and issues we have previously seen around the CO-OP store in Iver heath

We have also conducted patrols around Addresses in George Green and stoke Poges, following increased reports of ASB.



These patrols assisted us in identifying offending youths which led to the issuing ASB warning letters and Anti-social behaviour contracts and by informing their parents we have disrupted this behaviour and have seen a decrease of reports as a result in these areas. Our patrols under this priority are allocated based on the reporting of incidents and it is important that reports are made via Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number) Call 999 in an emergency only

Thames Valley Police Web form: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime>

During this quarter, we have also run our annual ASB operation to tackle the increase of incidents that occur over Halloween and Bonfire night. We are happy to report that our early engagement with local groups and individuals, this neighbourhood saw very few reports of ASB over the period

Priority – Speeding

During October our roads policing officers have spent 15 hours conducting speed enforcement at various locations and out of ten visits identified 587 offences across South Bucks. Our fixed cameras have identified 612 offenders.

In September Neighbourhood attended the following location to carry out speed enforcement.

Stoke Common Road where 96 vehicles passed the check site and 5 were identified driving at a speed, The highest being 39 MPH.

Pinewood Road, where 203 vehicles passed the site and 5 were identified as driving over the 40mph limit. The highest speed recorded was 48MPH.

Bellshill Road, 131 vehicles passed the check site and no offending vehicles.

In November the following Roads were attending

Swallow Street, Iver where 97 vehicles passed the check point and 8 were identified as speeding.

Black Park Road – 73 vehicles passed the site and no offending vehicles

Wexham Street – 103 vehicles passed the site and again no offending vehicles

Other News

We are pleased to announce that PC Dan Brown will be joining the team in January. Dan has spent several years on response in South Bucks and is looking forward to meeting



the community.

In October the PCSO have been out and about visiting local schools and talking to year six students, raising awareness around about County Drug Lines

During November the team have been carrying out park sweeps with the Community Safety team and conducting talks at schools to raise awareness around Knife Crime.

Officers located a man who was hitting, spitting and swearing at the air. Officers quickly established that the male was having a mental health breakdown. After completing Further checks it was also identified that the male was outstanding as wanted for a fail to appear warrant. The male was subsequently arrested and detained under the MH act where suitable support was provided.

NHPT completing enquiries for an elderly lady who had not been seen for a few days. The officers located the female unconscious at an address, after gaining entry it was established the female had been on the floor for 5 days. Officers provided the necessary first aid and requested Ambulance and the lady was later sent to Wexham Park Hospital where she is recovering.

A local car wash has received a further fine of £20000 after a joint NHPT operation with immigration, locating two persons who had illegally entered the UK and working at the establishment.

Offenders Brought to Justice

A male has been given a community resolution for public order in Dutton Way, Iver.

A male has received a community resolution for drug offences

A male and female have been arrested and charged for assault

A male has been arrested and charged for driving offenses in Stoke Poges

A male has received a community resolution for public order in Iver

Three males were arrested and charged for drug offences in Stoke Road.



Have Your Say Events

We have now started our Have Your Say events again so please keep an eye on our social media where we will advertise where we will be.

Should you be holding any community events that you wish for the local team to attend and provide any crime prevention advice, please contact one of the team above and we will try to attend and support the event

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