



Amersham & Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Amersham & Villages Community Board held on Thursday 20 July 2023 in MS Teams, commencing at 7.30 pm and concluding at 9.05 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Dormer (Chairman), M Flys (Vice-Chairman), C Jones, R Matthews, M Tett, J Waters and C Jackson

Others in attendance

L Wright, M Devlin, Mr R Funk (Little Chalfont Community Association), D Pinkney, M Roberts, Sgt D Walsh (Thames Valley Police), Rachel Dineley, Fay Ewing, Nosh Fiaz (Community Impact Bucks), Stuart Grosse (Bucks Fire), Mary Mobbs-Beal (the theatre shed), Douglas Mottram (Bucks Healthcare NHS Trust), Fay Richardson (St Francis), Bhogilal Tailor, Emma Whiting (Adviza), Sophie Wilkinson (Bucks Healthcare NHS Trust) and David Winterburn

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Mark Dormer welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how to contribute and ask questions

2 Apologies / Declarations of Interest / Minutes of the last meeting

No further apologies
No declarations of interest
Minutes of last meeting agreed

3 Community Matters

Cllr Mark Dormer congratulated everyone for the POB awards. Cllr Martin Tett presented the awards. Nearly 160 people in attendance. Delighted that the Community Board and community involvement is growing.

Successful Bright Ideas Competition working with schools in the area. Summary of winners, runners up and their projects

(Powerpoint slides to be published with the notes)

Chiltern & South Bucks Police survey is open for residents to comment on. Meeting open to residents next Wednesday. Contact Sgt Darren Walsh for meeting details. Setting priorities for neighbourhood policing teams.

Amersham Museum have a printer they no long require, Xerox Phaser 6510 plus cartridges if a school or community group could make use of it. Cllr Mark Dormer suggested this should be posted on Acts of Kindness Facebook group.

St Marys Church events – Saturday 29th July Heritage of British choral music 8-10th activities around beauty of the earth floral festival

Attendees invited to raise community matters for the Board to explore. None raised.

See Corporate update in reports pack, highlights include, Play Streets initiative; Ultra-Fast Broadband for Businesses; Rural Business Grant launched; Buckinghamshire Film Locations; Local Transport Plan; Helping Hand team supporting residents experiencing hardship; Boundary Commission recommendations report; Consultations on Your Voice website

4 Presentations

1. Bucks Fire – presentation – GC Stuart Grosse

Presentations being made at request of Chairman of the Fire Authority (**Powerpoint slides to be published with the notes**)

Discussion around key service delivery areas for the Fire Service locally.

Safer Homes – prevention of accidental dwelling fires

Safer Environments – secondary fires

Safer Roads - Biker down and parking related scenarios

Safer Neighbourhoods – Community Engagement

2. Theatre Shed – presentation Mary Mobbs-Beal

(**Powerpoint slides to be published with the notes**)

Mary thanked the Community Board for funding the Theatre Shed Wellbeing workshops and outreach project. Update provided about the project and how the team mirror the abilities of the young people they work with to provide specific tailored support.

Theatre Shed evaluate the project via questionnaires with young people and parents. School assemblies raise the profile of Theatre Shed and wellbeing services.

Mary thanked Lizzie for support contacting schools and helping Theatre Shed.

3. Amersham Owned – Hospice of St Francis – Fay Richardson

(**Powerpoint slides to be published with the notes**)

Fay thanked Lizzie for all her help.

Overview of the history of the hospice and care provision. Community Board funding has supported Spring centre services to be delivered in the Amersham Owned charity shop starting September 2023, providing a including a community space, Dementia drop-in and bereavement group. They have 1,200 volunteers but are always looking for more.

Question about how to raise profile of Amersham Owned – suggestions for open days, local media promotion.

Chiltern Voice radio invited all groups to be interviewed.

4. Adviza / Skill Up Bucks – Emma Whiting

(**Powerpoint slides to be published with the notes**)

Overview of Adviza the Learning and Careers charity making a positive difference to people to progress into work. Schools Information, Advice and Guidance; Building futures; BEEP; Princes Trust; Skill Up Bucks which also supports the Multiply project

5 Community Events

(Powerpoint slides to be published with the notes)

Overview of Community Board community engagement. Invitation to attend drop-ins and discuss any project ideas. Encouraged everyone to sign up to newsletter – contact Lizzie

Thank you to everyone for the invitations to attend local community events which present opportunities to engage with residents, community groups and organisations.

Project updates

(Powerpoint slides to be published with the notes)

Commended Roger and Helen for their patience, hard work and tenacity to set up the Dementia Café, Café 23 which is very nearly ready.

Update about the Outdoor Cinema event which is progressing, and tickets are selling well. There will be tickets for low-income families to make the event inclusive. Coopers market providing the food.

6 Community Board Updates

Priorities are Health & Wellbeing / Improving the Environment / Strengthening our community. Based on feedback from residents at community engagement events.

Request for project suggestions which match the priorities. Examples are, online safety for older people and positive online presence on social media for younger people; rewilding Amersham and dawn and dusk wildlife walks

Cllr M Tett suggested working with schools and youth groups to help encourage walking and physical activity to promote healthy weight, nutrition and diet information.

Action – all to contact Lizzie with suggestions for projects or areas of focus

Action – Lizzie to talk to Public Health and other partners such as Amersham Youth about potential healthy weight and physical activity projects

7 Date of Next Meeting

2nd November 2023

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Community Board Amersham and Villages



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WINNER
Local Community Champion

HELEN TYERS

For her dedication to supporting people with Dementia and their carers through the setup of Cafe22



WINNER
Young Community Champion

MAYA BROWN

For her determination to share experiences that will help others struggling with mental health



WINNER
Community Group Contribution

AMERSHAM MENS SHED

For providing a welcoming and supportive space to men who feel lonely, isolated, or have health issues



HIGHLY COMMENDED
Local Community Champion

JULES HARGREAVES

For her coordination of local support to Ukraine that has been inspirational to others!



HIGHLY COMMENDED
Young Community Champion

EMMA PANNETT

For showing kindness to others and volunteering to many local charities and groups



HIGHLY COMMENDED
Community Group Contribution

THE FAMILY FOOD HUB

For providing vital support to families during the financial crisis and making a positive difference



Congratulations to:

Runner up - Coleshill C of E Infant School - Vegetable garden redevelopment to benefit the community

Runner up - Chestnut Lane Infant School - Wellbeing Space for all

Winner - St George's C of E Infant School - Improvement to the underpass on White Lion Road

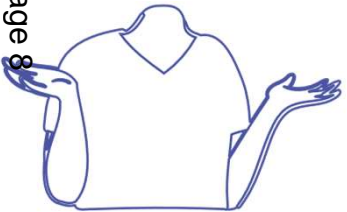
Runner up - St Mary's C of E Primary School - Herb Garden for the community to enjoy

Winner - Chalfont Valley E-Act Primary Academy - Local Tourist Boards celebrating the history of Little Chalfont

Community Matters...



- Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum:
 - Residents' survey, which is now OPEN at <https://csb-forum.org/july23-survey/>
 - Meeting of residents/Thames Valley Police: 6.30pm Wednesday 26th July via MS Teams
 - Setting of focus areas for our Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Amersham Museum:
 - We have an office printer that we no longer use and it would be great to find a new home for it. It's a Xerox Phaser 6510 and we have spare printer cartridges to go with it.
- St Mary's Church, Old Amersham, HP7 0DB
 - "A Heritage of British Choral Music" - Saturday 29th July (7.30pm) - Tickets from Eventbrite (or available on the door): [A Heritage of British Choral Music Tickets, Sat 29 Jul 2023 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)
 - "For the Beauty of the Earth" - 8th-10th September (times vary) -





- **Play Streets launched** giving children the opportunity to play safely outside on their doorstep through a new scheme where residents can apply for a Play Streets session to temporarily close their road.
- **Ultrafast broadband boost for rural businesses** - working with Openreach and Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, we have now completed Phase 3 of the Bucks Rural Business Broadband project, delivering ultrafast gigabit capable fibre connections to 723 rural business and residential premises in 38 towns and villages
- **The Bucks Rural Business Grant** scheme launched on 21 June to provide financial support and help to create opportunities for rural businesses in Buckinghamshire. Funding in the form of capital grants ranging from £2,500 up to £300,000 is available for small-scale investment in micro and small enterprises employing fewer than 50 people in rural areas.
- **Spreading the word about the Bucks filming locations database** - The Buckinghamshire Film Office promotes locations, minimises impact on residents and business and maximises the economic and social benefits of filming. Did you know that feature films and high-end TV dramas are estimated to spend between £8,000 and £108,000 per day in the local area?



- **Local Plan and Local Transport Plan** - We have just completed consultation on our draft vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire – to shape and manage future development across Buckinghamshire to 2040 and the Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP 5) – to set out the future priorities for all types of transport across Buckinghamshire.
- **Cost of Living funding and focus** - We continue to recognise that times may be hard for some residents. Our Cost of Living and Helping Hand programmes continue to strive to reduce the impact of increased financial hardship that residents may be experiencing.
- **Ward boundaries consultation** – The Local Government Boundary Commission for England’s recommendations for the new Buckinghamshire Council ward boundaries were made public on 30 May and see a reduction in the number of councillors from 147 to 97. Wards will remain at 49, with the new boundaries coming into effect at the local elections in May 2025.
- **Current and upcoming consultations** - yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/

Updates from partners



- **Stuart Grosse – Bucks Fire & Rescue Service**
- **Mary Mobbs-Beal – The Theatre Shed**
- **Fay Richardson – The Hospice of St Francis / Amersham Owned**
- **Emma Whiting – Adviza / Skill Up Bucks**



Buckinghamshire
Fire & Rescue Service



Fire & Rescue Service updates

Amersham and Villages Community
Board

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POINTS OF DISCUSSION

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Our organisation



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



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How is the Authority made up

- 5 councillors from Milton Keynes council
- 12 councillors from Buckinghamshire Council
- 10 conservative, 4 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrat



Simon Rouse
Chair of the Fire
Authority



Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service



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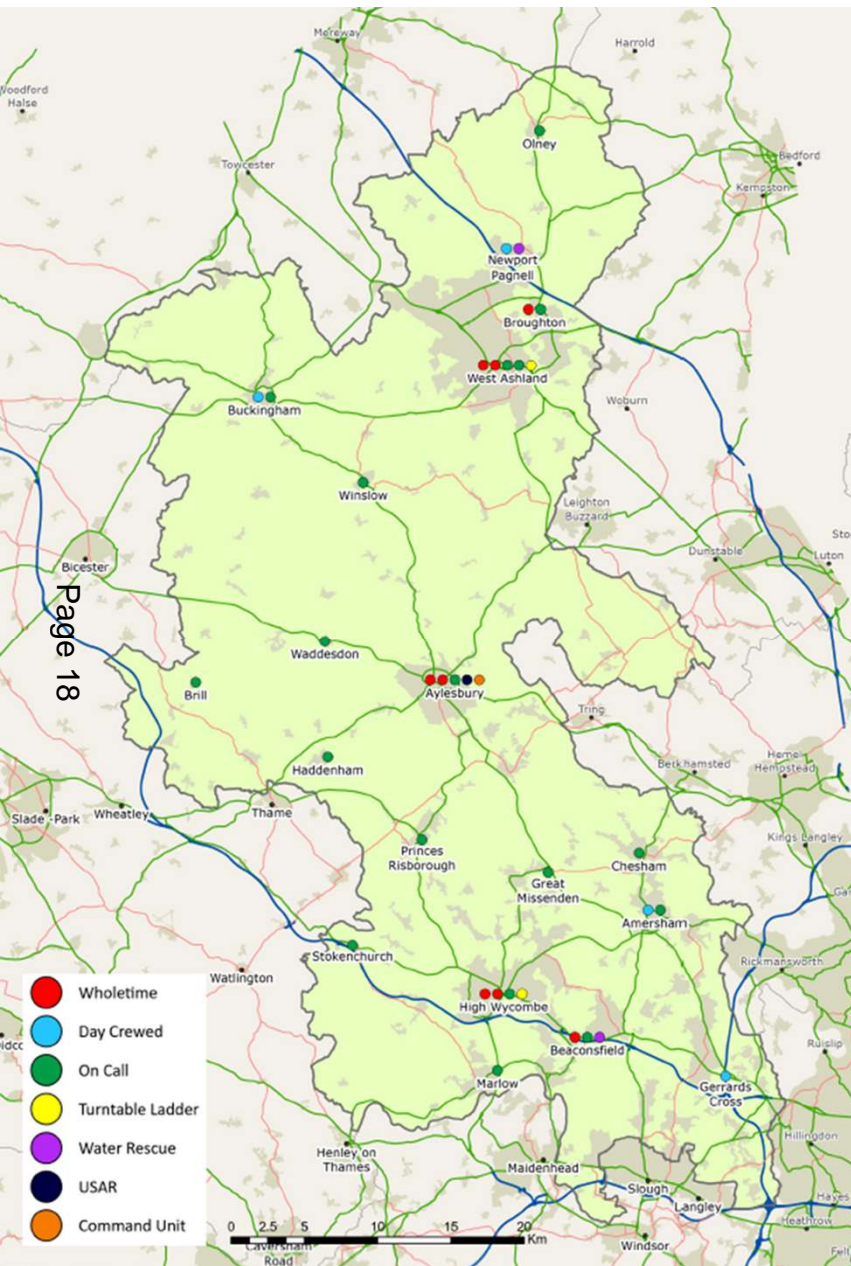
Our people

- 300 wholetime (full time) Operational staff- firefighter
- 96 On-Call (part time contracted) staff
- 126 support staff



Jason Thelwell
Chief Fire Officer



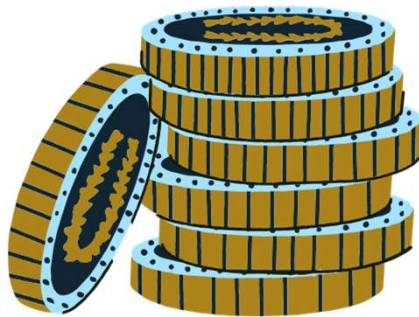


Our Fire Stations

- 9 Wholetime stations, 7 of which have On-Call units
- 10 stand alone On-Call stations
- 30 Fire Appliances
- 10 specialist appliances
- 5 Urban Search and Rescue Modules



Our finances



SOURCE	£ ^M
Business Rates and Revenue support Grant	£9,389
Specific Grants	£1,110
Council Tax	£22,981
Total	£33,480 Million



Community safety initiatives



Our vision

To ensure Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes are the safest places in England in which to live, work and travel.



OUR FOUR CORE COMMUNITY SAFETY THEMES



SAFER HOMES



SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS



SAFER ROADS



SAFER ENVIROMENT

The community safety priorities under pin, what we call internally, our Prevention Strategy which has been rewritten for 2022.





Amersham Service Delivery Area



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Better Understanding the Local Community, Risk and Incident Trends

This document is designed to assist all staff to understand the local community and environment within Amersham Service Delivery Area. This report includes information about demographics, the built environment and fire service specific risks within Amersham Service Delivery Area.

This document is an introduction into the local demands and challenges which are specific to Amersham Service Delivery Area and should be a building block to inform the development of Amersham station plans and activities.

Dec 2020

Service delivery areas

Community Prevention is divided into Service Delivery Areas with a wholetime station at its core

Service delivery area Amersham

- Wholetime Station- Amersham Fire Station
- Station Commander Adam Moore



Amersham service delivery area

Community safety priorities

Reduction in accidental dwelling fires

Focusing on less affluent/larger family households of the Chiltern area.



Reduce Secondary fires

In Amersham Chiltern Area



Suspected Arson / Deliberate fire setting

Chesham Area



Community Engagement

Better biker
Schools- year 5
Fire Sense



Summer pressures 2022



Record temperatures

The months of July (16 - 19) and August (9 - 15) 2022, brought record high temperatures and dry weather that presented many challenges for Fire and Rescue Services (FRSs) and other emergency responders across the country.

The Met office issued its first red warning for heat affecting central and south England, which was in place for 18 & 19 July.

On the 19 July the UK recorded its highest ever temperature of 40.3°C .



Major Incidents declared

By Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue

On Tuesday 19 July two major incidents were declared, one in the north of the county at 13:05 HE0

- Kiddi Caru Nursey Walnut Tree Milton Keynes
- One in the south of the county at 14:37. Whitehouse Farm, Wooburn Moor, High Wycombe

In the following three hours, BFRS supported by neighbouring FRS's were also mobilised to large scale, protracted incidents at Chearsley, Buckland and Denham resulting in resources being exceptionally stretched.



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Service Wide Major Incident

Servicing five major fires across our area, two of which were declared major incidents from the scene of operations, triggering the declaration of a Service wide major incident, supported by the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum (TV LRF).

BFRS were ably assisted by many of our neighbouring Services including Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Royal Berkshire, Hertfordshire and a specialist water carrier from Dorset and Wiltshire, despite them all being under operational pressures themselves.



MAJOR
INCIDENT

Calls taken by Thames Valley Fire Control Service (only) for incidents in Bucks

Major incidents were declared by fifteen FRSs across the country including neighbouring services in London, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, as a result of the devastating outbreak of fires.

The Service attended an unprecedented number of calls, including many fires in the open / wildfires.

DATE	Prev five-year average	2022	Increase %
16-Jul	48	180	%
17-Jul	48	78	64%
18-Jul	64	85	34%
19-Jul	41	220	439%
09-Aug	45	108	139%
10-Aug	40	75	89%
11-Aug	49	108	121%
12-Aug	44	157	258%
13-Aug	50	106	111%
14-Aug	45	96	115%
15-Aug	41	84	105%



New Challenges



Horizon scanning

- HS2 – the second longest tunnel in the UK will be beneath the Chiltern Hills
- Climate change-hotter summers, wetter winters
- Development within Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes
- Fire Reform White Paper



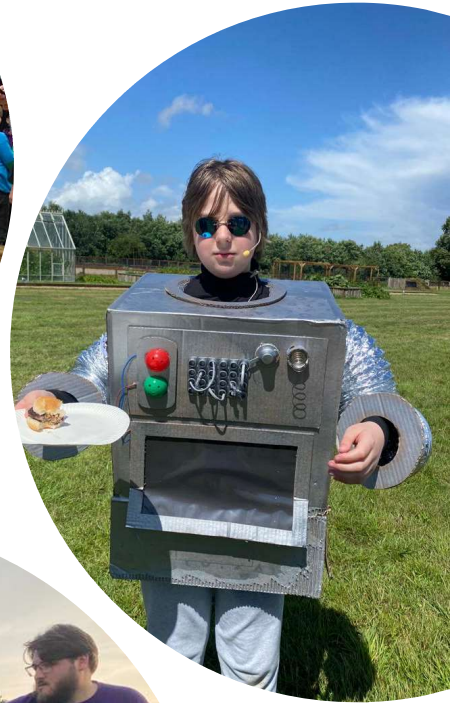


ANY QUESTIONS



Amersham Outreach

Performing Arts,
Wellbeing and
Inclusion



Proposal and outcomes



Outreach

- 60 people (4 x 15) Community group workshops/collaborations/skills exchange (8-70 years)
- 1000 (4 x 250) primary school assemblies (4-11 years)
- 2000 (1000 x 2) secondary (11-16 years)
- 100 (1x100) SEN assembly (11-18 years)

For You Festival

- 400 Wider community (All ages)

Wellbeing workshops (expected 10-20% of the below figures Amersham residents)

- 20 x Childrens Theatre (6-11yrs)
- 40 x Youth Theatre (12-16yrs)
- 20 x Company Theatre (18-60yrs)
- 20 x Volunteer Mentors (13-67yrs)

Challenges



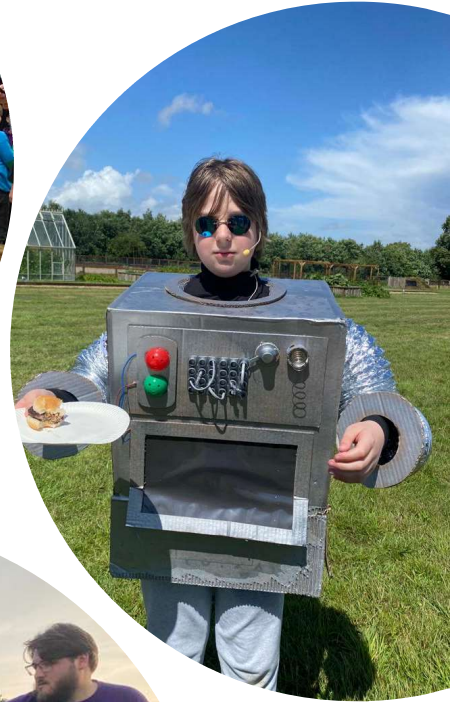
- Timeline (potentially extending to Feb HT)
- Set backs – office move, fundraising deadlines and festival
- Reduced festival to 1 day due to increased hire costs and expectations on volunteers.

Progress



- Gateway - Monthly workshops 8 April – December 2023 with 25 adults with disabilities and learning disabilities
- Early years BSL in Chiltern Lifestyle Centre from April-July
- For You Festival: 177 tickets sold online, more on the door and under 5s and carers not included. Event went ahead successfully despite the weather.
- Plans made for Assemblies
- Promotional email sent for workshops
- Plans for next term
- Plans for wellbeing collaborations

Questions



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

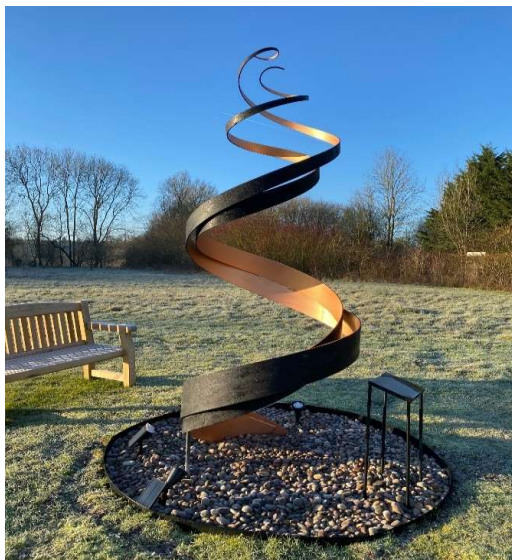
FAY RICHARDSON, DIRECTOR OF CARE



The Hospice of St Francis



Our Mission and Values



Hospice founded in 1979

Our founder Pam Macpherson said:

“The Hospice of St Francis is for absolutely everyone, terminal illness is no respecter of age, race or sex.” She said, “Everyone has a talent and the Hospice needs all the talents”

As part of our celebration of Hospice culture, diversity and our history a gift from a generous donor enabled us to commission a sculpture that represents Pam’s contribution to the Hospice and the influence she continues to have.

OUR VISION

A community where people with life-limiting illnesses live well until the end of their lives and their families receive the support they require.

OUR MISSION

To achieve our vision by providing outstanding care and support to patients and those close to them.
To share expertise through collaboration, innovation and education. To sufficiently engage the support of our community to enable us to deliver our vision and mission.

OUR AIMS

To transform the quality of life for people living with life limiting illnesses and provide support for those close to them
To ensure high quality provision of care through education and research
To sustain and expand our services through excellent finance

How we express this commitment now....



To live
and die
well

The need for our
care is changing
and
so are we

What we do is lead
by you

Always learning

Double the reach of
our care

Fund the Hospice
now & for future
generations

Inspected and rated

Outstanding ☆



Inpatient Unit



- 10 out of 12 beds currently open, including 2 apartment style rooms
- All rooms access to gardens
- End of life care
- Symptom control
- Palliative rehabilitation encourage independence
- Expedition of hospital discharge
- Prevention of hospital admission
- Offloading fluid in heart failure
- IV antibiotics
- IV iron

IPU Apartment Rooms



Our 2 rooms support:-

- Rehabilitation, goal setting, independence
- Younger patients
- Larger families
- Complex patients with lots of equipment
- Extra wide cuddle bed
- All supported by a multi-disciplinary team of staff and volunteers

The Spring Centre Health and Wellbeing



- Outpatient environment
- Appointments with doctors, nurses, AHPs, social workers, gym exercise, complementary therapy, creative therapies- music and dance, psychological support
- Groups e.g.
 - Pulmonary fibrosis
 - Hope workshops
 - Fatigue workshops
 - Creative therapies
 - Dementia care
 - Carer support
 - Childrens' support
 - Bereavement support
 - Day case intravenous service



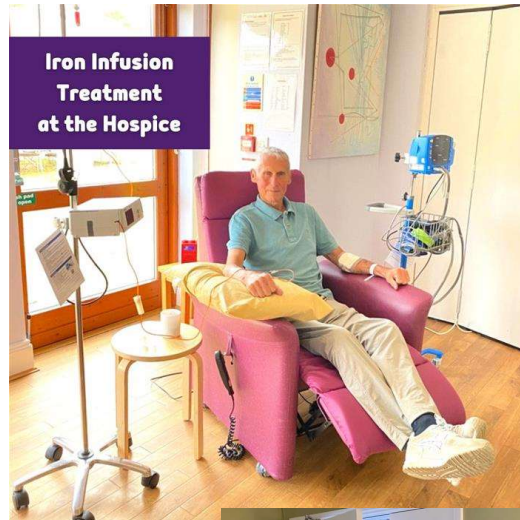
Garden Pods



Children's pre and post Bereavement Services



What makes us different?



- We offer services that other Hospices do not
- Experts in the care of patients with heart failure, pulmonary fibrosis and COPD
- Offer a service reviewing the frail & elderly with multiple comorbidities. Reviewing medication, preparing for the future, putting them in control and providing support and advice for their carers
- Manage fluid overload in patients with advanced heart failure
- We give intravenous fluids, intravenous antibiotics and blood when appropriate



Education



- Practice placements for health and social care professionals
- Extensive clinical education programme
- Tailor-made in practice education sessions covering any aspect of palliative and end of life care, including Advance Care Planning
- Communication skills sessions
- Ethics masterclasses



Wellbeing Therapies

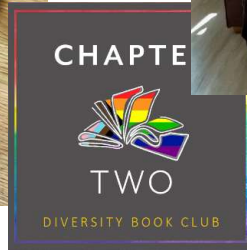


Amersham Owned



- Fantastic charity shop opened last year
- From Sept 2023 Spring Centre services delivered at this shop
- New complimentary therapy and consulting room
- Community space on shop floor
- Dementia drop in group for patients and carers
- Bereavement group
- Spacious workshop room
- Accessible toilet planned

Chapter Two Book Shop, Chesham

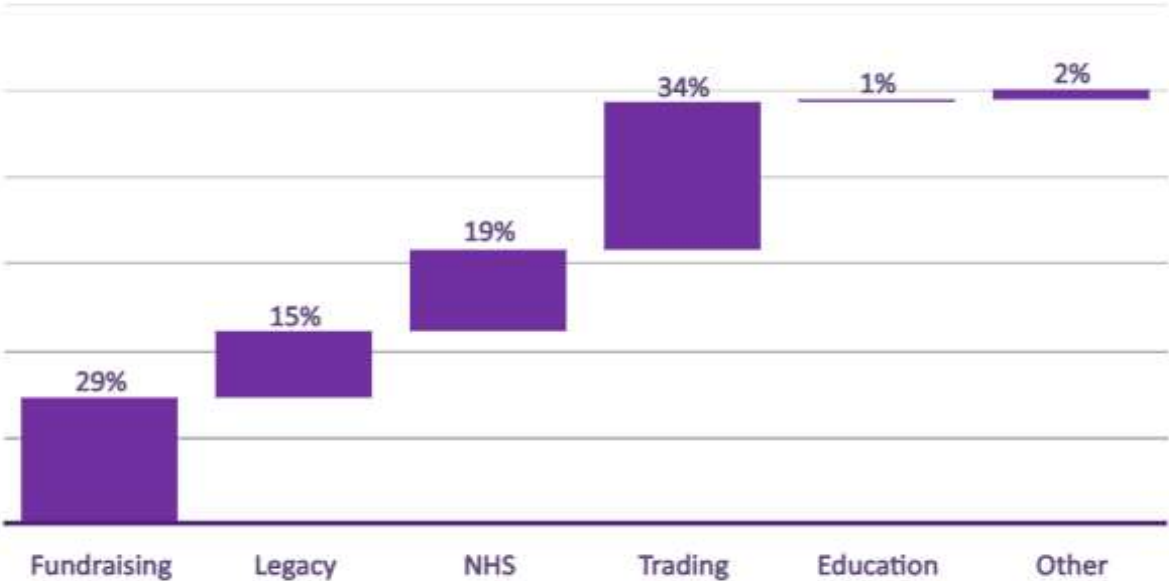


Funding Hospice of St. Francis Services



A Hospice is a gift a community gives to itself. We need to raise 5 million per year in addition to the NHS funding

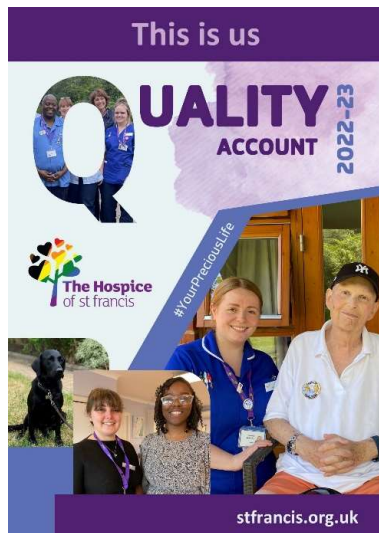
% income



Patients and Carers Referrals



- Referrals by professionals e.g GP, palliative nurse using the palliative care referral form on our website
- Self referral via website or T/C
- Spring centre and IPU services available to Bucks patients and carers



For more information about the Hospice see our website in particular our Quality account 22/23

www.stfrancis.org.uk

We look forward to more engagement with Bucks



STFRANCIS.ORG.UK

#YourPreciousLife



The Hospice of St Francis, Spring Garden Lane, Off Shootersway, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 3GW

Adviza Partnership

 www.adviza.org.uk



About Us



Adviza is a registered charity that inspires and supports young people and adults to progress in learning and work. We aim to raise people's aspirations, motivate them to achieve their full potential and support them when they have to make key decisions about their future. The work we do can help transform lives and we never forget it.



Schools IAG



Adviza is known for our outstanding Careers Guidance package offered to schools within Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, and Oxfordshire.

We are proud to have a team of professionally qualified and DBS checked Level 6 Careers Advisers.

We offer face-to-face careers guidance, digital resources, and a range of other careers products in line with Ofsted requirements and the Gatsby Benchmarks.

For more information, please visit our website.



Our projects

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Building Futures

- Operates in Buckinghamshire
- 15+ individuals from economically inactive backgrounds
- Intensive and group activity
- Delivered by Adviza and Oasis Partnership



Berkshire
Education Employer
Partnership

BEEP

- Connecting young people and employers in Berkshire
- SEND & NEET Young people 16-24
- Delivered by Adviza, Activate Learning, Learning to Work, Newbury College, and West Berkshire EBP



Prince's Trust

Princes Trust

- NEET young people aged 16-24 in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire
- 12 week programme
- Delivered three times a year



Multiply

- Anyone aged 19+ without a level 2 or above in maths
- Improve numeracy and employability through 1-1, workshops, and longer courses



Skill Up Bucks

- 17+ individuals based in Buckinghamshire
- Connecting individuals and SMEs throughout the county
- Delivered by Adviza, Buckinghamshire Business First, and Buckinghamshire New University



Skill Up Bucks



- Who we are and what we do
 - Support individuals aged 17+ with employment and skills provision
 - Connecting the community with local SMEs and training/FE providers
 - No eligibility requirements other than age and location
- Events
 - Employability workshop 27th July
 - The Bucks Careers Show - 28th September
- Client offer
- Employer offer
- Our partners
 - Buckinghamshire Business First
 - Buckinghamshire New University
- Multiply



Further information

For more information about Adviza
and how we can support you,
please feel free to email me on
emmawhiting@adviza.org.uk



Community Board updates

Engagement

- Weekly drop ins between Little Chalfont and Amersham
- 840 Facebook and over 400 Instagram followers
- Over 300 on the newsletter mailing list
- Presence at local community events - most recently the Misbourne District Scout Group AGM, Little Chalfont Village Day, Amersham Band Concerts, Little Chalfont Lunch Club, COAM Social Prescribing Summer Socials.



Funded projects:

- ✓ Old Amersham Revitalisation - Kings Coronation Activities
- ✓ Theatre Shed - Wellbeing Workshops and Outreach
- ✓ Outdoor Cinema Event



£7,477.00

Supporting non funded projects:

- ✓ Little Chalfont Lunch Club
 - Amersham Dementia Café
 - Little Chalfont Community Café

Project updates

We are pleased to be hosting our very first Outdoor Cinema Event - please help us to spread the word!

We're looking for volunteers to help on the day to help with: Stewarding/ marshalling from 2pm to direct ticketholders arriving by car, scanning tickets at the entrance from 2pm and again at around 5pm for the second film showing, Litter picking during and after the event.

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Friday 1 st September
2pm Gates open
3pm Encanto
food, drink and entertainment between shows
6pm The Greatest Showman
9pm Gates close
Individual: Adult £6, Child £4
Double-bill: Adult £10, Child £6
Amersham Cricket Club, Shardeloes. HP7 0RN
www.ticketsource.co.uk/amersham-community-board
Experience the magic of movies and join us for an unforgettable afternoon of entertainment and cinematic delights, right in the heart of our community.



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New project suggestions



**Health and
Wellbeing**

e.g. working with PCNs and Social Prescribing teams to host themed health talks

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**Improving our
Environment**

e.g. hosting local walks and talks to provide education about environment and climate issues

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**Strengthening
our Community**

e.g. volunteers fairs to support local voluntary groups with recruitment

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Submit a project idea:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Nuk90YR599>

Join our next meeting on 2nd November

THANK YOU

We look forward to seeing you next time

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