



## Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board held on Tuesday 11 July 2023 in MS Teams, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.00 pm.

### **BC Councillors present**

S Chhokar (Chairman), M Bracken, T Broom, I Darby, C Jackson and L Smith BEM

### **Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present**

T Shinner (Chalfont St Peter Parish Council), J Chamberlain (Chalfont St Giles), M Thomas (Seer Green Parish Council), S Kumar (Chalfont St Peter) and D Bray (Chalfont St Giles)

### **Others in attendance**

Liz Charter, Stuart Grosse (Bucks Fire & Rescue), Abdul Rahim, Darren Walsh (TVP) Martin Josten and Inspector James Ellis (TVP).

### **1 Chairman's Welcome**

Welcome to everyone and highlighted how the Community Board can interact on projects for the benefit of the Community and linking back to Buckinghamshire Council. Tonight's theme is on Community Safety and we welcome our presenters from TVP, Bucks FRS and Buckinghamshire Council

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

Apologies – Cllr David Brackin, Cllr Grant Kirby, Cllr Tim Butcher, Cllr Andrew Wood, Cllr Guy Hollis, Cllr Jonathan Rush

No declarations of interest

Minutes of last meeting – agreed as an accurate record

## 3 Buckinghamshire Council Updates

Makyla Devlin – Senior Community Board Manager

Question – Cllr Isobel Derby - rural broadband – no of premises in the area that have been affected – how do any of the items within the update affect Denham and Gerrards Cross CB? **ACTION LC – to feed back to Board and include with action notes of meeting – see full Corporate update for details**

## 4 Community Matters

Public Questions – none received prior to the meeting

## 5 Community Safety

**TVP – Inspector James Ellis** –. The report was attached to the agenda pack

- Newsletters being produced quarterly to capture highlights in the area.
- Home Burglaries – generally seen a downturn in offending rates in first half of the year. There has been some organised groups offending and some successful prosecutions.
- Affluent areas are being targeted in the arterial road network.
- Window film recommended to place over vulnerable windows to prevent burglaries.
- Pony and Trap racing – met with Bucks Council on site at A413 to discuss concerns. This is a developing group who spans the whole country in significant numbers. Would like to see the characteristics of the road changed – discussions are ongoing. Thank you to the Board for the successful platform and partnership working that has taken place regarding this activity to forming a holistic approach.
- Keyless thefts – criminal devices have become more sophisticated. There are products out there to protect your keys and protect your cars.
- Trades vehicles and theft of tools – this is an ongoing operation
- Rural crime – poaching, theft of plant machinery and prevention information sharing
- Police issues forum – 26 July, all are invited and will cover the above.

Question – Cllr Carl Jackson – ASB from secondary school pupils intimidating residents. How should this be reported. **Answer** – further presence in the area by TVP and look at interventions with parents of pupils and working with Bucks Council Community Safety Team. Residents to be encouraged to report incidents on line rather than 999

**Abdul Rahim – Buckinghamshire Council – Community Safety** (slides will be provided with the action notes)

- Section 17 of the crime and disorder act outlines the statutory duty for Local

Authorities.

- Buckinghamshire Council completes a strategic assessment every 3 years. Current one runs from 2023-2026 and called Safer bucks Strategy and Strategic Assessment compiled with data from online survey.
- Public Survey will be released over the coming months. Would encourage the survey to be completed to provide quantitative data.

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**GC Stuart Grosse – BFRS** – (slides will be provided with the action notes)

- Incidents within the Board area recently - 9 property (residential) fires, 6 other building fires, 43 fires in open, 83 alarm calls, 22 RTC, 23 vehicle fires, 13 assisting ambo, 6 animal rescues. Look to lower the numbers with prevention activities.

Questions – Cllr Carl Jackson – are there any fire stations predicted for closure eg Marlow? ANSWER – public consultation will begin with regards to “do you want the closest station or the quickest station to attend.” Confident that the crewing is improving for Marlow Fire Station and they will remain functional.

Cllr Thomas Broom – thanking BFRS for the responses made during summer pressures.

**Insp Ellis** – water safety video being promoted looking at risks and highlighting the dangers. Please circulate the video ***ACTION LC to attach to meeting notes and circulate to wider Board membership.***

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. <https://www.csb-forum.org/meetings/chiltern-s-bucks-policing-issues-forum-26th-july-2023/>

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/safety-and-crime-in-your-community/anti-social-behaviour/report-anti-social-behaviour/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdcxThIHUmc>

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## 6 **Community Board Update**

Engagement event and other activities Coronation events, a CB engagement event as well as Proud of Bucks Awards have taken place.

Projects

Budget position 2023/24 £108,496

## 7 **Action Group Updates**

Community Safety – Cllr Tony Shinner – Chairman

Sustainability- Cllr Jane Chamberlain- Chairman

Infrastructure and Highways – Cllr Des Bray- Vice Chairman

Health & Wellbeing – Cllr Isobel Darby – Chairman

**MEMO TO Liz Charter & Members of the Community Board**  
**FROM Tony Shinner (Cllr Chalfont St Peter Parish Council)**  
**DATE 13.07.2023**  
**RE Acton Group: Community Safety**

1 My apologies to those attending for my being unable to take part in Tuesday's Community Board meeting due to IT problems.(I had been using internet throughout the day without problem but had trouble logging into MSTeams, then found neither video nor microphone would work, nor could I use the chatbox. I did listen to most of the meeting however and this is what I intended to say ref Community Safety

2 I have discussed this previously with Liz Charter as coordinator and we generated a short list of issues we think merit most attention. Mindful of the limited funding we should look for other actions his action group can recommend

3 A significantly increasing problem concerns Fraud, and how we as smaller communities can help challenge it. I include in this cold calling especially to garner house and garden repairs; but internet and telephone activity is reaching serious levels

These activities cross over with ID theft and other criminal activity. Sadly the profile of the victims tends to be the more vulnerable in the community,

The issue is often in getting advice to those sectors of the community, and providing them with the knowledge to resist scams. A number of organisations already provide this sort of service (eg Help The Aged). It would be helpful to find out what advice is available in the different communities this board services

4 Of concern to residents in the SL9 area in particular is the Pony Trap racing on the A413. We hope to receive an update of the work Bucks Council and Thames Valley Police have been investing in by way of partnership. This is an extreme example of several Public Order issues which need to be compared from community

to community

5 In two previous years we have discussed CCTV and we were asked by Buckinghamshire Council to think twice about investing in new systems and/or software whilst they agreed a uniform approach across the county.

6 CCTV goes hand in hand with another issue: Fly Tipping. Again an exchange of information between communities can be helpful as much of this activity takes place along country lanes between communities

7 Speeding and Parking issues continue to irritate members of the public. In some communities (eg ChStPeter) inconsistent enforcement leads to abuse of free parking facilities, yet one hour free parking is often the make or break for survival of many small businesses. What is your experience?. Should the larger T&PC's be allowed to contribute towards the cost of additional enforcement. Chalfont St Peter have been asking for this for at least three years

**Tony Shinner (cllr. Chalfont St Peter)**

**8 Date of Next Meeting and Close**

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 6.30pm via Teams

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# Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts Community Board Meeting

Chairman: Cllr Santokh Chhokar

11th July 2023

6.30pm Teams



1	<b>Chair's Welcome</b>	6.30pm
2	<b>Apologies/Declarations of Interest / Minutes of last meeting</b>	6.35pm
3	<b>Buckinghamshire Council Updates</b> Simon James, Service Director Education	6.40pm
4	<b>Community Matters</b> Questions from members of the public can be submitted in advance of the meeting to <a href="mailto:denhamgxchalfonts@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk">denhamgxchalfonts@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk</a>	6.50pm
5	<b>Community Safety</b> TVP – James Ellis Neighbourhood Inspector, TVP Community Safety – Abdul Rahim, Community Safety Manager, Buckinghamshire Council. Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service – Stuart Grosse	6.55pm
6	<b>Community Board Update</b> Engagement Event & Other Activities Projects Budget Position	7.40pm
7	<b>Action Group Updates</b> Community Safety TS Sustainability Action Group JC Infrastructure & Highways JR/DB Health & Wellbeing ID	7.45pm
8	<b>Date of next meeting &amp; close</b>	8.00pm





# Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Update

Senior Community Board Manager: Makyla Devlin



- **CORPORATE UPDATE**

**Play Streets launched** - gives 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. For more information, please contact Public Health Practitioner Layla Ravey at [layla.ravey@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:layla.ravey@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

**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. This project has successfully delivered ultrafast gigabit capable fibre connections to 723 rural business and residential premises in 38 towns and villages

**Bucks Rural Business Grant – Rural England Prosperity Fund**

The Bucks Rural Business Grant scheme launches 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**

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? Buckinghamshire Film Office hosts a free database open to all land/property owners to offer their property as a shoot location.

**Ward boundaries consultation** - These recommendations 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. The report can be viewed at [Buckinghamshire | LG BCE](#).

## CORPORATE UPDATE cont...

**Local Plan and Local Transport Plan** - Consultation on draft vision complete, feedback to be reviewed and expecting to publish later in the year. In the winter a further consultation to invite views on a series of possible growth scenarios which will look at a range of potential options for Buckinghamshire to meet its future housing needs and provide quality employment opportunities.

**Local transport plan – next steps** - Using feedback and comments from the consultation, we will develop the policies and an implementation plan for the LTP5. We will hold a consultation on these in winter 2023 with the aim to adopt the Local Transport Plan in summer 2024.

**Cost of Living funding and focus** - Our Cost of Living and Helping Hand programmes continue to strive to reduce the impact of increased financial hardship that residents may be experiencing. Our Helping Hand team continue to provide emergency support and signposting to residents, and the council is preparing the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for the summer holidays.

We continue the promotion of local initiatives such as Food Champions and the Community Food Chain and the social media campaign continues to signpost residents to support.

**Further information on this and all the updates is in the full document attached to the agenda.**

Current and upcoming consultations [Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)



# Community Matters

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**Public Questions:** questions from members of the public can be submitted in advance of the meeting to [denhamgxchalfonts@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:denhamgxchalfonts@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

**Petitions:** N/A

**Policing Update:** see Agenda Pack for latest newsletter from TVP





# Community Safety - TVP

James Ellis NI





# Community Safety - Bucks Council

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Abdul Rahim





# Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service

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Stuart Grosse

Group Commander Response South





# DGXC Community Board Update

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Cllr Santokh Chhokar





# Sustainability Engagement Event with POB Awards June 9th, 2023



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Thanks to all our Exhibitors at our Engagement Day!

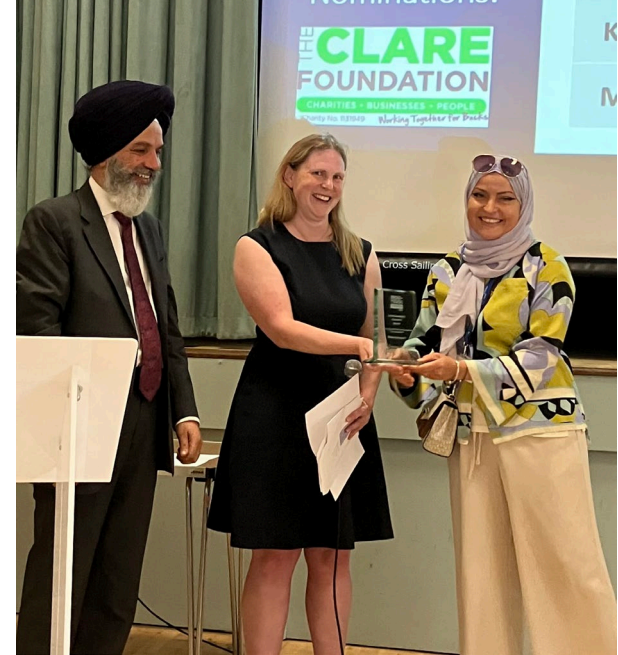


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Chalfont St Giles Gardens Association





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# Community Engagement







# Spotlight on Projects

Recent projects celebrating The Coronation



At the end of May we celebrated the Coronation, and supported events in Chalfont St Peter, Fulmer Village and Chalfont St Giles. The hard work of organisers and volunteers made each one a great success for all to enjoy.

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## Chalfont St Peter's Coronation Day Celebrations



## Fulmer Family Fun Day & Coronation Big Lunch

The sun came out on May 6th for the Fulmer Sports and Community Association's event at King George's Field. Fun activities included Archery, Football Skills challenges, Welly Wanging, Minefield and the Coconut Shy. There was a bouncy assault course, childrens races, an afternoon tea tent, a petting zoo and of course a dog show.

Lord Lieutenant, Countess Howe presented Chair of the FSCA, Lorette du Toit, with a floral tribute for her community work and commitment to the Association.





# Chalfont St Giles Street Party & Coronation Big Lunch

- There was a real buzz in the air as we arrived at the Chalfont St Giles Street Party. We soon found out what gave this most brilliant of community events that extra something – Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice made a special visit and did their best to speak to nearly everyone there! They happily walked through the excited crowd, stopping to talk to so many, before chatting with Louise Chamberlain of All Together Community and her Mum, Councillor Jane Chamberlain who both contribute so much. Huge Congratulations to the event organisers, Chalfont St Giles Street Party, and all the many, many volunteers, who made this one very special day to remember.





# Chalfont St Giles Street Party

The Community Board was pleased to provide funding for all children's activities, so they were free for all to enjoy!

# New Playground at Pheasant Hill, Chalfont St Giles

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Chalfont St Giles officially opened their new playground at Pheasant Hill on Saturday 10th June. Parish Council Chairman, Gordon Patrick cut the ribbon and Councillor Jane Chamberlain, who had spearheaded the project, spoke of the desire to provide a new accessible playground had come from the Community. The Denham, Gerrards Cross and The Chalfonts Community Board are proud to have contributed to such a fabulous addition to the village.

# Projects Funded to Date

- Budget: £108,496
- Total Allocated: £10,177
- Total Remaining: £98,319

Applicant	Project Details	Priority *	Project Cost	CB Contribution	Contributory Funding
Chalfont St Giles Village Show	Chalfont St Giles Coronation Party	SC	£11,731.00	£2,995.00	£8,736.00
King George's Field Fulmer	Fulmer Family Fun Day and Coronation Big Lunch	SC	£4,386.49	£1,000.00	£3,386.49
Chalfont St Peter CC	Coronation Celebration	SC	£4,121.64	£1,999.00	£2,122.64
CSG Revitalisation Group	Wellbeing Day 18th Oct	H&WB	£759.00	£759.00	£-
Denham Parochial Church Council	AED and community training for CPR and defibrillator	H&WB	£2,549.00	£1,599.00	£950.00
Stephen Spender Trust	Creative Translation Workshops for Ukrainians	SC	£4,650.00	£1,825.00	£2,825.00



# Action Group Update



# Community Board Priorities for 2023/24



## Community Safety

Chair: Tony Shinner

VC: Jonathan Rush



## Infrastructure & Highways

Chair: Jonathan Rush

VC: Des Bray



## Sustainability:

Environmental,  
Economic &  
Social/Community

Chair: Jane Chamberlain  
VC: Sharad Jha



## Health & Wellbeing

Chair: Isobel Darby

VC: Vacant

*If you would like to join any of the Action Groups working to address these priorities, then please get in touch!*

# Action Groups - Purpose

- Action groups relate to priorities
- Explore specific issues within priorities & where appropriate identify and support initiatives relating to the priority
- Expand local knowledge – speakers invited; successes shared
- Network, collaborate and form partnerships
- A real opportunity for wider community to have an input
- Scrutinise and make recommendations to the Board for funding where applicable (via the Funding Panel)

# Community Safety



**Be part of our Action Group  
addressing this priority**

- **Chair: Tony Shinner**
- **Vice Chair: Jonathan Rush**

**Supporting the development of  
resilient communities**

**Crime awareness & prevention  
(including ASB, CCTV, NW, Fraud)**

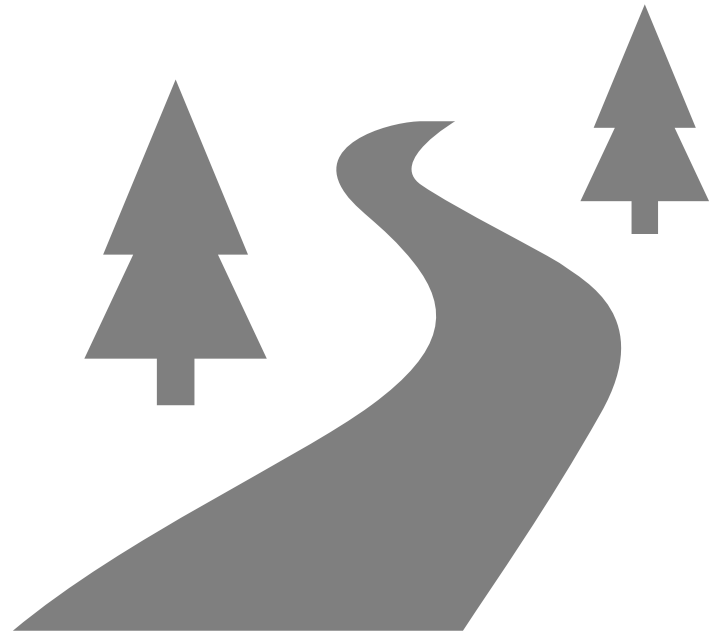


# Infrastructure & Highways

**Be part of our Action Group  
addressing this priority**

**Chair: Jonathan Rush  
Vice Chair: Des Bray**

- Active Travel
- Fix My Street
- Parking
- Speeding



# Sustainability: Environmental, Economic & Social/Community

**Be part of our Action Group  
addressing this priority**

- **Chair: Jane Chamberlain**
- **Vice Chair: Sharad Jar**

**10th July**

**Next Meeting Date: Sept TBC**



# Sustainable Communities

- Meet Social Needs
- Protect and Enhancing the Environment
- Promote Economic Success

# Meeting Social Needs

- Live in a safe, healthy and happy place
  - Value & protect diversity and local distinctiveness
  - Strengthen the local identity
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- The needs of everyone in the community are met, their quality of life is improving.

# Promote & Enhance the Environment

- Minimise waste
  - Encourage people to re-use, re-cover & re-cycle
  - Limit pollution levels & carbon emissions
  - Encourage wildlife and wildflowers
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- Our environment is appreciated, protected and enhanced and damage to the environment is minimised

# Promote Economic Success

- Create a vibrant local economy
- Create a balance between work and leisure
- Increase footfall to local businesses
- Our economy is vibrant, employment opportunities are improved, and our high streets are thriving.

# Sustainable Communities

- Covers a vast number of topics
- Small steps which have identifiable results
- Local knowledge is key to success

# Health & Wellbeing

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**Be part of our Action Group  
addressing this priority**

- **Chair: Isobel Darby**
- **Vice Chair: Position vacant**

**Supporting Volunteering  
Promoting healthier lifestyles**





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# Thank you

**Next meeting date: November 16th**

Please tell us of your Community Events & stay connected via:

[denhamgxchalfonts@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:denhamgxchalfonts@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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Would you like us to set the theme for our next meeting? If so, please contact us with your suggestions.

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