



**Community  
Boards**

## Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 28 June 2023

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Via MS Teams

### **BC Councillors:**

J Waters (Chairman), S Barrett (Vice-Chairman), M Bracken, T Broom, A Cranmer, R Gaffney, E Gemmell, D Johncock, J Ng, C Oliver, N Thomas, D Watson, A Wheelhouse, A Wood and K Wood

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Agenda Item 3  
**Buckinghamshire Council**  
**Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye**  
**Community Board**

## Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting of the Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board held on Wednesday 8 February 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm and concluding at 9.11 pm**

### **Members Present**

M Bracken, T Broom, R Gaffney, D Johncock, C Oliver, N Thomas, J Waters, A Wheelhouse and K Wood

### **Others Present**

Fiona Broadbent, Monica Bergh, Stuart Grosse, Peri Harper, Deb Sanders and Debbie Hulme.

### **Officers Present**

Caroline Green, David Skinner, Amy Jenner and Iram Malik

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

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for their attendance. He also announced that Cllr Johncock had kindly agreed to take serve as the Vice Chairman of the Board.

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Ian Cecil, Fiona Doonican, Ansa Khan, Jonathan Merry, John Ratcliff and Andrew Wood.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **4 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 12 October 2022**

It was reported that during the last meeting Members had requested a report on planning enforcement within the relevant Board area. It was confirmed that this had been received from Cllr Broadbent on the 18 January and that it was due to be considered at the forthcoming HAT

meeting. A copy of the report would also be circulated with the minutes.

RESOLVED: That

- (i) the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed as a true record
- (ii) A copy of the report on Planning Enforcement be circulated to Members of the Board

## **5 Community Matters**

David Skinner in attendance, provided a brief introduction to his background, current role and responsibilities with regard to the community board.

A number of updates were brought to the attention of the Board with regards to activities and initiatives that were underway in the local area. This included information relating to local heritage listings, sites for which 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.

Mr Skinner also gave mention to ORCS funding for EV charge locations, details for which were included in the report previously circulated with the agenda. In addition, a Local Plan update was also provided, which informed Members that following a call for sites last year, over 700 sites had been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire. The previous calls for brownfield sites had resulted in 300 sites being suggested. An interactive map showing these had now been published at [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.arcgis.com)

## **6 Scams to be aware of in the Community Board**

Pei Ling Harper from Bucks & Surrey Trading Standards provided an overview of scam awareness so that Members could provide further guidance and assistance to vulnerable residents in particular.

RESOLVED: That

- (i) the report be noted and circulated with the minutes
- (ii) The presenter be thanked for attendance

## **7 Bucks Fire Service**

A presentation was conducted on the Bucks Fire and Rescue Service, its role responsibilities, staffing numbers and budgets. The community safety initiatives and priorities along with the service delivery areas were also mentioned. Members were informed of the summer pressures which the service faced during 2022 with a number of major incidents having been declared.

Members were informed that the Fire and Rescue service was anticipating an increase in their duties in the forthcoming months and years ahead and that the nature of the work was most likely to incorporate medical related duties, such as trauma/emergency care. This was primarily as a consequence of the Ambulance Service being stretched to its limit. It was confirmed that the reform of the Fire and Rescue service was currently ongoing, and that further developments

were awaited.

RESOLVED: That the presenter be thanked and the report be noted

## **8 Funding Report Action Groups**

The Board Manager reported on the current funding position of the Board for the year 2023. There had been a total budget of £111,704 and a spend of £72,391.98. Members were informed that taking account of pipeline projects and those funds that had been earmarked for high priority related activities, there remained a total sum of £0,038.17.

A list of projects already funded was also listed in the report.

A couple of projects were highlighted including that of the community project which promotes mosaics in Beaconsfield. The project had received an enthusiastic local response with support whereby anyone in the community could be involved in the making of the mosaics. Another named 'A Secret Place' aimed to work with young people at risk, or at danger of offending within the youth offending service. Further information would be sent to the Board in due course on this very valuable and worthwhile project, which had already benefitted so many.

The Chairmen of the Action groups then provided a brief update on the work with which they had been involved.

Health & Wellbeing – The 2 projects A secret place/ Mosaics were reiterated, along with an online course/workshop that had taken place named Talk Cancer.

Environment – it was hoped that energy efficiency within homes would be a focus for the group in the months ahead. It was highlighted that 72 trees had been planted on verge/footpath area, which provided a template of how this could be done despite the challenges of the tight budget.

Highways – Cllr Thomas was thanked for deputising for the Chairman during his absence. HAT related projects which would come to fruition in the forthcoming month. The next meeting was scheduled to take place on 19 April. It was confirmed that new tasks to be tackled included work relating to the sparking and enforcement report, and also the work relating to the cycling and walking routes which were to be rolled out in the Board's area. This would tie in with both the focus of the Health and Wellbeing group and that of the Environment Group.

Youth – The youth summit was imminent, and visits to a school in Beaconsfield were planned to take place. There would also be a focus on the prevention of spiking and keeping girls safe in pubs/nightclubs. It was hoped that a number of young people would wish to attend meetings with the Board and make any relevant contributions.

## **9 Topics for Future Consideration**

It was hoped that Youth would be a future topic of consideration for the Board with some youth representatives regularly attending meetings.

## **10 Community Board Meeting Dates 2023/24**

The Proud of Bucks Event would take place on 13 May 2-5pm, everyone welcome. This would also be a networking event, and the set up of any stalls was encouraged.

The next meeting would be held on 28 June 2023.





## An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council (Issue 3 2023 – June 2023)

### Play Streets launched

Play Streets 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.

Following successful pilots in Aylesbury and High Wycombe between October 2021 and May 2022, the council will be introducing Play Streets across Buckinghamshire, with a particular focus on the Opportunity Bucks wards.

[Play Streets](#) allows children to play, scoot and cycle on their streets, but also brings neighbours of all ages together to create new opportunities for socialising and friendships, reduce loneliness and prevent social isolation.

Residents can apply to see if their street is suitable for a Play Streets session on [Buckinghamshire Council's Play Streets webpage](#) and there is more information about the scheme on the national [Playing Out website](#). For more information, please contact Public Health Practitioner Layla Ravey at [layla.ravey@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:layla.ravey@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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### 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, including Prestwood, Iver and Quainton.

The initiative was funded by a £1.8m grant from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and managed by DEFRA. Without this scheme, premises in remote rural locations would likely be left facing connectivity issues and unable to access high-speed broadband.

Premises in the following towns and villages will have seen some impacts of the scheme, but we encourage residents to check their postcodes on Openreach's website to understand the speeds available to them [www.openreach.com](http://www.openreach.com):



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Town/ Village	
ADDINGTON	MARLOW
AMERSHAM	MARSWORTH
ASTON CLINTON	NORTH MARSTON
BEACHAMPTON	OAKLEY
BIERTON	OVING
CHARTRIDGE	PENN
CHESHAM	PITCHCOTT
CRYERS HILL	PRESTWOOD
DORNEY	QUAINTON
DORTON	RADNAGE
FOUR ASHES	SOUTH HEATH
GAWCOTT	STEWKLEY
HALTON	STOKENCHURCH
HAZLEMERE	SWANBOURNE
IVER	WESTON TURVILLE
KINGSHILL	WHITCHURCH
LENBOROUGH	WING
LITTLE HORWOOD	WOOBURN GREEN
LITTLE MARLOW	WOODHAM

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### **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.

The grants are designed to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of rural businesses. Funding is available for a variety of projects such as investment in net zero infrastructure projects, as well as financial support for farm businesses diversifying outside of agriculture. The scheme will run until March 2025.

Businesses are invited to submit an initial expression of interest with outline details of their project. Eligible businesses will then be invited to make an application for funding. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Buckinghamshire Business First are supporting us on this. For more information search for Bucks Rural Business Grant on our website

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



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The scheme is funded through the Rural England Prosperity Fund which is a capital fund run by DEFRA.

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### **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. The film office acts as a sign-posting service, directing productions to the relevant contact to negotiate fees and terms direct. The key advantage is that we can create bespoke brochures to meet national and international briefs listing multiple locations to encourage productions to the area. Please share this with residents and business.

We minimise the impact of filming in the area by requesting that all productions adhere to the new code of practice when filming in Buckinghamshire. This includes guidance on consultation for those who may be impacted. If a production approaches you, please ask them to register with us so we can ensure best practice is followed, as well as enabling us to track the local economic impact of filming in Buckinghamshire.

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### **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.

#### **Local plan – next steps**

We will publish the final vision and objectives later this year once we have reviewed the feedback. In the winter we will launch a consultation to invite views on a series of possible growth scenarios. These 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**



## **An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council (Issue 3 2023 – June 2023)**

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.

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### **Cost of Living funding and focus**

Although we are now enjoying warmer weather, 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.

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.

Libraries continue to welcome residents by providing a range of activities as well as launching Cosy Corners in some libraries to provide a safe and friendly environment for all who need one, from people with dementia to mums and babies. Details are available on participating libraries' social media pages.

The Get Around for £2 scheme has been extended until 31 October 2023. More information is available at [Using public and community transport | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

We are evaluating the impact of the initiatives delivered to date and will use this feedback to inform the autumn / winter campaign.

Going forwards we will be using this quarterly corporate update to keep you informed of highlights and things you need to know. If you have any questions relating to Cost of Living, Tim Weetman will now be the person to contact.

The full range of support available is detailed here:  
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

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### **Ward boundaries consultation**



## **An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council (Issue 3 2023 – June 2023)**

In the last update we mentioned that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's recommendations for the new Buckinghamshire Council ward boundaries were due to be published.

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 | LGBCE](#).

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### **Buckinghamshire Council consultations**

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

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## Beaconsfield

### Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of

Sergeant 7302 Gabriel

PC 6058 Mike Austin

PCSO 9722 Vijay Desai

PCSO 6540 Dave Wenham

PCSO 9509 Dee Hawkes

### 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 across South Buckinghamshire policing area. 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)

#### Priority – Serious Acquisitive Crimes

This quarter we have seen a slight decrease in burglaries from 10 to 8, the Neighbourhood team have increased patrols around The Spinney, Wattleton Road, Holtspur Top Lane and Cherry Tree Road. In addition they have also been provided residents with crime reduction advice and carrying out proactive operations 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 play your part in making this area unappealing for burglars. For an extensive discussion on what measures might best protect your home, you might like to watch the [Online Burglary Event](#) which our Neighbourhood Inspector hosted, at the end of last year. You could also take a look at Thames Valley Police Website for further crime prevention advice or contact your local Neighbourhood Team. At the time of writing, we are seeking to organise a crime prevention event alongside Buckinghamshire Council, to publicise opportunities to reduce your risk of burglary. Even a cursory internet search will provide numerous suggestions, at a modest cost.



## Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

We have seen a reduction of reports of ASB, drug use and graffiti around Beaconsfield, likely due to our increased high-visibility patrols. We are currently revising our ways of dealing with ASB, in conjunction with Buckinghamshire Council: particularly, their Community Safety Team is taking a more prominent role in ASB management, and coordinating partnership activity; by means of a dedicated team.

A 16 year old boy has been reported for driving offences in Holtspur, Beaconsfield and the vehicle was seized.

## Priority – Speeding

### May

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
A355 Amersham Road Beaconsfield	70	7	51

### June

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
Burkes Road, Beaconsfield	150	7	No Issues

During May our Roads Policing officers have spent 100 hours conducting speed enforcement at various locations: out of ten site visits they identified 756 offences across South Buckinghamshire LPA. Our fixed cameras have identified 405 offenders.

In June 2023 representatives from the Beaconsfield, Gerrards Cross and Chesham Neighbourhood Police Team linked up with the Roads Policing Unit to conduct a joint operation on the A40, HOLTSPUR, BEACONSFIELD and A40, FULMER LANE, GERRARDS CROSS.

6 vehicles were seized for no insurance.

1 person was arrested for drug driving and driving without a licence and insurance.

1 person was reported for window tinting offences, not wearing a seatbelt.

They also stopped, checked the documents and issued words of advice of many other road users.

In addition, we have our Community Speed Watch scheme: this is a great opportunity for locals who feel strongly about Speeding, to volunteer their time in monitoring speeds, in areas highlighted as a concern by fellow residents. This is an advisory scheme, which looks to warn speeders as to the risks they present, and is clearly effective, with a 95% rate in preventing re-offending. If you are interested in helping out, then please contact the team, your local Parish Council. or your local community board using the following hyperlink: [Community Boards | Buckinghamshire Council](#)





## Other News

PCSO Hawkes has been working with Leon Popplewell, Community Sports Manager, to set up a weekly football project for youths aged 12-18 years at The Beacon Centre Beaconsfield. Wycombe Wanderers football club are supporting this initiative by supplying a coach. This event happens every Wednesday between 18:30hrs – 19:15hrs and is free for those attending. The times will be extended in the Summer when we will be able to go outside. The funding is in place for approximately 2 years and the Beacon centre staff have been really helpful and supportive in achieving this project. Within the next few weeks we will be also offering Boxing, this will also be on a Wednesday Night from 19:45hrs- 20:45hrs, again funding is in place so free for those attending.

If you would like further details regarding any of these projects or other projects in the pipeline, please email PCSO C9509 Denise Hawkes  
[denise.hawkes@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:denise.hawkes@thamesvalley.police.uk)

Now that the nicer weather has made an appearance we are seeing an increase of visitors to our local beauty spots. The neighbourhood team are conducting patrols around these locations and reminding visitors to not leave valuables on display in vehicles in an effort to combat vehicle crime. Please remember to take all items with you.

## Offenders Brought to Justice

A male has received a caution for public order offences

A male was received a caution for assault

A male has received a caution for drug offences

## 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. For account details, see below.

Additionally, we've sought to establish customary locations where we can be found, when not tasked with something else; allowing for us to catch up on more administrative matters. These positions provide a place where residents might see us in passing, and feel welcome to stop and have a chat:

Holtspur – Mayflower Parade

Beaconsfield New Town – The Town Hall, Penn Road.

Beaconsfield Old Town – Car Park near to Savilles

## Contact Us:

Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number)



Call 999 in an emergency only

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

For email dialogue with the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood team:

[BeaconsfieldNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BeaconsfieldNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

### Follow us

**We've moved:** with the amalgamation of Chiltern & South Bucks with Wycombe police area, we now have new social media accounts:

Twitter @TVP- southbucks - [https://twitter.com/@tvp\\_southbucks](https://twitter.com/@tvp_southbucks)

Facebook TVP South Buckinghamshire [TVP South Buckinghamshire - Home | Facebook](#)

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](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) or speak with one of your Neighbourhood Team.

[www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

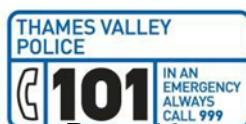


Working in partnership  
to make our community safer



# Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

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