



Community Boards

North West Chilterns Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 27 July 2023

Time: 6.30 pm – please arrive 10 minutes earlier for registration

Venue: Bledlow Village Hall, Chinnor Road, Bledlow, HP27 9QF

BC Councillors:

M Walsh (Chairman), C Etholen (Vice-Chairman), S Adoh, M Angell, S Broadbent, R Carington, D Carroll, G Hall, C Harriss, D Hayday, O Hayday, Maz Hussain, M Smith, A Turner and P Turner

Representatives of the following Town and Parish Councils:

Bledlow-cum-Saunderton, Bradenham, Downley, Ellesborough, Great and Little Hampden, Great and Little Kimble, Hughenden, Lacey Green, Longwick-cum-Ilmer, Piddington and Wheeler End, Princes Risborough, Radnage, Stokenchurch and West Wycombe

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For further information please contact: Jackie Binning as detailed below.

Questions for the Chairman

If you have any questions, please email Jackie Binning on jackie.binning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or telephone 07816 118011 by Monday 24th July 2023. This will allow our Chairman, Matthew Walsh, time to prepare.

I look forward to seeing you at our Community Board meeting.

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1	Chairman's Welcome	18:30	
2	Apologies for Absence		
3	Declarations of Interest	18:35	
4	Notes of the last meeting To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023.		5 - 10
5	Action Group Updates Reports for each group are included in the agenda pack. Priorities 2023/2024: To confirm priorities agreed by the Community Board for this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Resilience• Economic Regeneration and Development• Environment and Climate Change• Transport and Road Issues To be presented by Councillor Matthew Walsh. To provide an update on the key activities of the action groups. To be presented by the Chairman of each action group.	18:40	11 - 18
6	North West Chilterns Active Travel Aspirations Report This is included in the agenda pack. Jim Stevens to present the report for Community Board approval.	19:00	19 - 20

7	<p>Community Board Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding applications – to provide an update on applications received and 2023/2024 budget • Community Board Action Plan – for information only (included in the agenda pack) • Community Board Annual Report 2022/23 – for information only (included in the agenda pack) <p>To be presented by Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager.</p>	19:30	21 - 72
8	<p>Community Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckinghamshire Council Update – to be presented by Sophie Payne, Service Director, Culture, Sport and Leisure, Buckinghamshire Council (included in the agenda pack) • Question Time – to respond to questions received. To be presented by the Chairman. 	19:45	73 - 78
9	<p>Date of next meetings</p> <p>23 November 2023 (rescheduled from 7 December 2023) – The Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough.</p> <p>22 February 2023 (rescheduled from 1 February 2024) – Microsoft Teams.</p>	20:00	

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North West Chilterns Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the North West Chilterns Community Board held on Tuesday 7 February 2023 via MS Teams, commencing at 6.32 pm and concluding at 7.31 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Walsh (Chairman), S Adoh, S Broadbent, R Carington, C Etholen (Vice-Chairman), C Harriss, D Hayday and O Hayday

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

Cllr S Breese (Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council), Cllr S Cope (West Wycombe Parish Council), Cllr J Cripps (Great and Little Kimble Parish Council), Cllr C Davies (Lacey Green Parish Council), Cllr M Lazenby (Downley Parish Council), Cllr V McPherson (Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council), Cllr J Rogers (Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council), Cllr V Smith (West Wycombe Parish Council) and S Henson (West Wycombe Parish Council Clerk)

Others in attendance

J Binning, M Devlin, S Payne and S Taylor (Buckinghamshire Council); Sgt O Brixey, Thames Valley Police and S Grosse, Group Commander Response South

Agenda Item

1 The Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor Matthew Walsh, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors David Carroll, Gary Hall, Melanie Smith and Alan Turner; Councillor Catherine Campbell, Princes Risborough Town Council; Cllr Helen Holman, Ellesborough Parish Council; Councillor Wendy Monroe-West, Downley Parish Council and Cllr Robin Thomas, Stokenchurch Parish Council; Hilda Stearn, Hughenden Street Association and Jim Stevens, Chairman of the Road, Transport and Road Issues Action Group.

Note 1: Councillor Robert Carington sent his apologies part-way through the meeting as he needed to leave at approximately 7.00 pm.

Note 2: Councillor Clive Harriss left the meeting at approximately 7.00 pm.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Notes of the last meeting

Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager, advised the majority of the actions in the previous minutes related to Item 5, the former Molins Site in Saunderton. Responses had been received for each action and Jackie had circulated them to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor Broadbent for comment. A weekly update report was received from the contractors.

Sharon Henson, West Wycombe Parish Council Clerk, raised concern that the water required to keep the data centre systems cool might be obtained by boring the Chiltern chalk streams. Jackie Binning to investigate.

Action: J Binning

Councillor Simon Breese, Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council, stated that one of the councillors was in regular contact with the developers of the data centre site and requested that any issues be forwarded via Tracey Martin, the parish clerk. Councillor Breese also advised that work was being carried out on an idea to avoid making Haw Lane railway bridge a single lane.

Cllr Breese also reminded everyone that the planning permission was granted a long time ago and the developers were keen to establish a dialogue.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022 were **agreed** as an accurate record.

5 Presentation from Thames Valley Police

Sergeant Oliver Brixey provided a presentation, appended to the minutes. Sgt Brixey advised that he covered Marlow, Princes Risborough and Chepping Valley Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NHPT). The quarter four (October to December 2022) data provided in the presentation was for the highest impact crimes in the community. The NHPT covered the following: OP Signature, Schools, Knife Crime and Serious Violence, Burglaries, Vulnerable Adults, Young People, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Traffic Offences, Rural Crime, Violence Against Woman and Girls, Attending Community Events, Community Engagement and Hi Visibility Patrols, Licensed Premises, Hotel Watch, Social Media and Communication.

The four priorities which had been agreed by the community for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 were:

- ASB
- Speeding and Anti-Social Driving
- Burglary
- Rural Crime

Sgt Brixey highlighted that a large amount of information was posted on social media.

Statistics were recorded by geographical area and the presentation contained

quarter four statistics for the following areas:

Princes Risborough (and the surrounding villages) - ASB and Violence Against Person (VAP) had decreased. There had been a spike in ASB in October (35 offences) but there were only 11 in December 2022. Theft figures had been consistent across the year. VAP had been in higher in the summer and burglary offences had spiked in January.

Downley – Theft offences were quite consistent but there had been a spike in ASB and VAP during November.

Stokenchurch – Theft offences spiked in October but figures were generally low.

Piddington – only two offences had been reported: one ASB and one rural crime.

Radnage – this area also had a very low level of offences reported.

Rural Crime – there had been seven offences during the last quarter with five in Princes Risborough, one in Piddington and one West Wycombe; the offences were wide ranging and no pattern was evident.

The following key questions were raised during discussion:

- Sgt Brixey confirmed that Downley came under the Wycombe West area.
- There were currently two police officer vacancies in Princes Risborough but officers would be starting imminently. There were a number Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) vacancies across the area to be recruited to.
- Protective Study Leave was part of the new police training programme which comprised of a mixture of on the job training and protected learning time; this had an impact on the NHPTs due to the challenge of covering the gaps when incorporating the protected learning time.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Brixey for attending the meeting.

6 Presentation from Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS)

Stuart Grosse, Bucks Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS), provided a presentation, appended to the minutes and provided an overview with a slant towards the summer pressures of 2022. The Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority organisation comprised of five councillors from Milton Keynes Council and 12 councillors from Buckinghamshire Council; the number of staff, fire stations, equipment and sources of finance were detailed in the slides.

BFRS had four Community Safety Priorities:

- Safer homes
- Safer neighbourhoods
- Safer roads and
- Safer environment

The North West Chilterns (NWC) area formed part of the High Wycombe service delivery area; there was a wholtime fire station in High Wycombe as well as two on call part-time stations. There had been 78 fires in the open in the NWC area during 2022.

Summer pressures – July and August 2022 brought record temperatures which resulted in many challenges. There were two major incidents on 19 July 2022 (the highest ever temperature was recorded on this date); one in the north of the county near Milton Keynes and one in south at Woodburn Moor, High Wycombe. BFRS was also attending three other incidents which resulted in extremely stretched resources and support provided by neighbouring fire and rescue services.

The call data for 19 July showed a 439% increase over the previous five year average for that date and a 258% increase for 12 August. A full evaluation had been carried out to improve the service delivery at future events.

New Challenges – the second longest tunnel in the UK was being constructed under the Chilterns by HS2 and one fire had already occurred. Climate change was resulting in hotter summers and wetter winters; major development in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes needed to be considered along with Fire Reform White Paper.

The Chairman thanked Stuart for the presentation and added that there were a large number of prevention initiatives carried out in the community.

7 Community Board Updates

Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager, referred to the action group briefing reports in the agenda pack. The Chairman emphasised that all the action groups had been extremely active and thanked all the members for their time and contributions.

Jackie confirmed that since writing the Transport and Road Issues briefing report, Cllr Stephen Reading had attended an action group meeting and gave a presentation on the Parish Council's speeding concerns at Bledlow Ridge. The Parish Council would like traffic calming measures installed, which the action group supported, so a funding application would be submitted when able to do so.

Jackie advised that the NW Chilterns Cycling and Walking consultation document had been circulated and the deadline to respond was 31 March 2023. Members of the Community Board were encouraged to submit their comments.

Funding Update – Jackie shared the funding table which had been circulated to the Board earlier in the day and appended to the minutes. The funding situation had been changing daily and the table included all the applications which had been approved by the Board along with the pending and multi-board project applications. At the time of the meeting there was approximately £28,000 remaining but there were a number of pending applications which, if approved, would result in an

underspend of approximately £7,000. Other funding requests had also been received which could mean the underspend would be used.

The Chairman added that there was a good spread across the whole community board area and highlighted that the contributory funding figure was significantly higher than last year.

Community Board Priorities – Jackie advised that the Board needed to consider the priorities for 2023-24 and there was a link to the Public Health report in the agenda pack. The existing priorities were:

- Community Resilience (which included young and older people, crime and antisocial behaviour and health and wellbeing)
- Economic Regeneration
- Environment and Climate Change
- Transport and Road Issues

The aims and objectives were agreed within the action groups.

Following discussion, the consensus was that the current priorities largely represented the needs of the community but it was agreed that, before a decision was made, Jackie would email all the board members to ask for their comments on the priorities for 2023-24 and circulate the priorities from the other Community Boards.

Action: J Binning

Buckinghamshire Council Update

Sophie Payne, Community Board Champion and Service Director, Culture, Sport and Leisure, highlighted the following from the update in the agenda pack:

- The Local Heritage Listing – Buckinghamshire was one of 22 local authorities to receive funding to update the list of locally important assets. A map was available on the [website](#) showing the nominations and also a list of the assets and their status.
- Funding had been received to install new electric vehicle charging bays in 16 Council car parks.
- The Local Plan – following a call for brownfield and wider sites, over 700 sites had been submitted for consideration and were being assessed against criteria for possible future development. Further engagement with communities was encouraged.
- The Tourism Strategy – a survey to inform the new visitor strategy would be open until 17 February 2023 to hear views from residents, businesses and stakeholders to ensure that the Tourism Strategy would maximise the benefits to the county.
- Food waste toolkit guidance to support residents with the increase in the cost of living for residents was available on the [Council website](#). Jackie offered to circulate the link.

Action: J Binning

8 Community Matters
No public questions had been received.

9 Date of the next meeting
27 July 2023

**North West Chilterns Community Board
Community Resilience Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 27 July 2023**

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 7 February 2023.

Priority Objectives: The group continue to look at the viewpoints of young and older people and crime and anti-social behaviour themes, and are now also reviewing their proposed aims for 2023/24 which will be finalised at the next meeting in August 2023. These are as follows.

- To consider issues around health and wellbeing, including social isolation and loneliness.
- To improve quality of life and community cohesion between socially isolated/lonely and deprived young and older people
- To consider areas of crime and anti-social behaviour to create safer and connected communities.
- To consider any application regarding community resilience.

Action Group – works carried out: Meetings are held every two to three months, the last one was held on 10 May 2023. The next meeting will be held on 9 August 2023, but work around our project initiatives has continued in between meetings as detailed below:

- **Projects around disability:** Further to the meeting held on 23 February 2023 with Alison Kidgell at Hughenden Manor, we have now received a funding application on our walking project, which will involve young and older people, especially those who suffer with loneliness or vulnerability. The application will now be reviewed by the Community Board's funding team.
- **Community Garden:** This is an ongoing project and we are waiting for the electric wire to be cut around the area in order to rotavate the soil and add new stock wire fencing, posts and gates. These will be provided by Briants and Penns Nursery, and in addition they have agreed to supply seeds and plants so that families can start growing their fruit and vegetables. Any surplus will go to food banks, and some will be donated, the proceeds of which will go back into the land.
- **Horse Therapy:** A meeting was held on 23 February with the Horse Trust managers regarding young and older people with disabilities that are in need of therapy with horses. The managers were interested in the project idea, but stated we needed to find a facilitator, as they only manage the horses. This is currently proving to be difficult.
- **North West Chilterns Community Board – Annual event “Party in the Park”** held on 24 June 2023 at Wades Park, Princes Risborough was managed by a small subgroup of the CR namely: Shade Adoh, (whose idea it was) Jackie Binning, Valerie McPherson, and Josephine Biss.

It was an enormous success with over thirty-nine stalls, many craft stalls, community/voluntary group stalls, NWC Community Board stand, flower stall, face painting, a variety of food and drink, fun fair, entertainment from Kathy Simms and her MDC singers that were a group of singers with disabilities, Haddenham and Thame Pop Choir, Princes Risborough Youth Theatre, Princes Risborough School Dance team, and the Proud of Bucks Awards ceremony to round off the day. A magnificent event enjoyed by all.

Chairman: Cllr Valerie McPherson BEM

North West Chilterns Community Board
Economic Regeneration & Development Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 27th July 2023

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 7th February 2023.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group reviewed their objectives for 2023/24 during their meeting in March 2023. These were slightly tweaked from last year – amendments in bold:

- To seek schemes and initiatives that support **new and existing** local businesses (urban and rural).
- To prioritise schemes and initiatives that help achieve the Council’s Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.
- To consider any adhoc application in regards to Economic Regeneration **& Development**.

The Action Group also agreed to amend the group name and add the word “Development” (as detailed above).

Action Group: The last meeting was on 9th March 2023 and meets every quarter (approximately). Due to a number of meeting clashes and unforeseen circumstances, the next meeting is not scheduled until 23rd August 2023.

Progress on actions since the last Community Board meeting are as follows:

- **Business Networking Event** – Further to discussions around the shortage of skilled labour and staff and other business concerns, the group plan to hold an event in October 2023 (date to be agreed) at Orchard View Farm, Little Meadle, where local businesses can attend to network and discuss their issues and concerns and find out where tools and resources can be found to help.

Jacqueline Ford, Buckinghamshire Council’s (BC) Senior Economic Development Officer, has agreed with her team to do a presentation on the work BC are doing on the Visitor Economy Strategy.

Town and Parish Council’s will also be invited as Ruth Bryant, BC’s Buckinghamshire Film Officer, will be presenting the following opportunities as this may be of interest to them as well as some businesses (where appropriate):

- Locations Database – which is free to register and can sign post services for all residents/businesses in Bucks.
- Code of Practice – which sets out guidance for film productions operating in Bucks including consultation for impacted residents/businesses.
- Economic Impact: Olsberg Report – review local spend on additional facilities and employment opportunities.
- Screen Tourism – what this means and what we can do together?

The planning of this event is still in it’s early stages, but it is hoped to start formalising the details from August 2023.

- The action group will continue to explore other sources of data that evidence the needs of local business, organisations and individuals and research other possible project opportunities.

Chairman: Cllr Matthew Walsh

North West Chilterns Community Board
Environmental and Climate Change Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 27th July 2023.

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 7th February 2023.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group's reviewed its priority objectives for 2023/24 on 3 May 2023. It was agreed that they would be slightly amended to - to seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage. Additionally, the Action Group seeks to help achieve *and inform* the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.

Action Group: The Action Group continues to aim to meet bi-monthly when possible; the last meeting was held on 3rd May 2023, with the next planned for the 2nd August 2023. Its agendas cover a mix of policy, strategic and fundraising related matters, many of which have been delegated to the group by the Community Board or raised by local councils, the public or by members of the group.

Recent work has included:

- Helped the Chiltern Conservation Board in the funding of its Central Chilterns Farmer Cluster Hedgerow Project.
- Continuing to identify suitable locations with Town and Parish Council's for tree planting in streets and public spaces.
- Encouraging schemes looking at Wildflower planting.
- Continue to look at options to install Electric Vehicle charging points in public areas.
- Supporting joint community planning and community resilience through planned education programmes.
- Supported Princes Risborough Town Council in exploring the feasibility on installing solar panels on the Wades Centre.
- Supported Princes Risborough Town Council in its application with Bee Squared for the distribution of over 2000 seed packets.
- Invited the Chair of the Transport and Road Issues Action Group to our December meeting to look at combined work on verge cutting and wildflower planting.
- The Public Awareness Energy Efficiency Campaign for the North West Chilterns was completed with Buckinghamshire Council. An Energy Efficient Homes Clinic was held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on 11th March and the roadshow also went to Stokenchurch and Aston Clinton.

Projects planned and actions going forward

- Liaising with the Chiltern Society on the restoration work of the Whiteleaf Cross and car park.

- Liaising with Stokenchurch Scouts on a proposed pond renovation project.
- Liaising with Stokenchurch Primary School and Chiltern Rangers on a proposal for grounds development for wildlife and learning.
- Pursuing our group spreadsheet which highlights potential areas and objectives where it is felt the action group could encourage applications.

Chairman: Cllr Robert Carington

**Community Board – North West Chilterns
Transport and Road Issues Action Group (TRIAG)
Briefing Report for the Community Board – 27 July 2023**

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting held on 7th February 2023.

Priority Objectives: The Group has modified/updated its Priority Objectives for 2023. These are:

1. Provide informed, local input into applications, consultations and petitions, in regard to transport and road issues. Ensure correct procedures are followed and an appropriate response obtained.
2. Improve road safety for all road users, by pursuing appropriate improvements and changes to:
 - Roads, footways, footpaths, bridleways and cycleways that are not up to the required standard and hedges, verges and access points that are not maintained appropriately.
 - Speed limits, including enforcement and local monitoring.
 - Traffic and other road signs.
 - On street parking.
3. Improve the environment by promoting and encouraging:
 - Active travel and new active travel routes.
 - Carbon emissions reduction.
 - Reduced car dependency and increased sustainable alternatives.
4. Continue to feed back TRIAG's work on delivering these objectives to Buckinghamshire Council to inform their decision makers and secure appropriate responses, remedies and actions.

Action Group concerns: The Group remains very concerned with its interaction with the Council on numerous matters.

Snapshot of Recent Work:

Cycling and Walking:

- The Group consulted Community Board members on its draft, aspirational cycling and walking document. The feedback received has helped develop the final version of the document, which is renamed NWC Active Travel Aspirations document (dated June 2023).
- The Group's Active Travel Aspirations document has guided the Community Board's recent response to the Council's Transport Strategy and Funding Team's consultation on the countywide, strategic Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

Local Transport Plan 5:

- The Group has provided substantive feedback to the Council's recent public consultation on the draft Vision and Objectives for Local Transport Plan 5.

North-South Transport Connectivity:

- The Group has provided substantive feedback to the England Economic Heartland's Call for Evidence on their Thames Valley-Buckinghamshire-Milton Keynes-Northampton north-south connectivity study.

Transport Pollution:

- The Group has worked productively with the Council's Pollution Team on air quality issues and a pilot air quality monitoring project has now commenced in the vicinity of the school in Stokenchuch.
- The Group has also secured a commitment from the Pollution Team to monitor air quality at various locations in Princes Risborough (locations to be determined).

Actions Going Forward:

August meeting - discussions on:

- Local bus provision
- Car share and lift share
- Highway maintenance

Chairman: Jim Stevens



Community Board
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Report to North West Chilterns Community Board

Date: 27th July 2023

Title: North West Chilterns Active Travel Aspirations document (dated June 2023)

Written by: Jim Stevens CEng, MICE, MCIHT

Checked by: Jackie Binning

Recommendations:

The Community Board is requested to:

1. Support the NWC Active Travel Aspirations document and adopt it as the Board's own document.
2. Formally request Buckinghamshire Council to:
 - (a) Use the NWC Active Travel Aspirations document to help develop the Buckinghamshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).
 - (b) Adopt the NWC Active Travel Aspirations document as a supplement to the Countywide LCWIP and make it readily accessible on the Council's Website.

Background:

The Community Board's Transport and Road Issues Action Group (TRIAG) has been developing ideas for cycling and walking improvements across the NWC area for approximately 2 years. This has been in relation to one of its Priority Objectives.

The Group set out its ideas in a draft, aspirational NWC Cycling and Walking document. These included improvements referred to in other documents such as the Adopted Wycombe Local Plan.

Community Board Members were consulted on the draft document during a 6-week period (January to March 2023).

A significant amount of feedback was received, exclusively from parties outside of Buckinghamshire Council.

The feedback received has been extremely helpful and the final version of the document is the subject of this report. The document has been renamed the NWC Active Travel Aspirations document (dated June 2023)

How the document may be used:

The NWC Active Travel Aspirations document describes local aspirations for cycling and walking improvements.

As a document, it does not commit policy or funding by Buckinghamshire Council.

But it is hoped that the Council will treat the document with the respect it deserves - as an important source of local information to inform designers and decision makers when considering cycling and walking needs within and linking to the NWC area.

It is also hoped that the document will be readily accessible on the Council's Website to enable external parties (e.g. developers, residents, businesses) to use the information.

ATTACHMENTS:

North West Chilterns Active Travel Aspirations document (dated June 2023).



North West Chilterns Community Board Action Plan 2023/24

Introduction

Community Boards are at the heart of the council's ambition to be a council that understands and responds to the needs of our communities – empowering and enabling them to come together with the council and the people, organisations and groups that have the skills and passion to make changes and improve things where they live.

Community Boards provide the opportunity to refocus, and reinvigorate how we all – the council, partners, residents, charities, businesses and community organisations – work together for the benefit of Buckinghamshire. We share the common goal to improve the lives of the people who live and work in Buckinghamshire and there's no doubt that we are stronger, better and more effective in doing that when doing it together.

The North West Chilterns Community Board covers the following town and parish areas:

- Bledlow-cum-Saunderton
- Bradenham
- Downley
- Ellesborough
- Great and Little Hampden
- Great and Little Kimble
- Hughenden
- Lacey Green
- Longwick-cum-Ilmer
- Piddington and Wheeler End
- Princes Risborough

- Radnage
- Stokenchurch
- West Wycombe

This action plan sets out how the North West Chilterns Community Board (NWCCB) will work with the local community to address community priorities and take action on local issues.

The NWCCB will address those matters that mean the most to our local community, using data and local intelligence to help it determine the priorities our board will focus on. We will involve residents, partners, local groups and organisations in understanding what the local issues and priorities are.

Furthermore, the board will link those local issues to our corporate priorities around improving the environment and supporting economic recovery, including activities around transport and road issues and community resilience, which for example, will look at ways it can support our young and older people and implement preventive measures around crime and antisocial behaviour.

These priorities will help us determine where we take action and allocate funding to improve the local area. An overview of each one is detailed in the section below.

The overall aims of the NWCCB are therefore:

- To develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues.
- To understand what is important to the community board area.
- To develop action groups to explore key areas of focus and identify how to take action as a community.
- To identify opportunities and projects that meet the community board priorities for funding.
- To promote the community board and the community board fund to the local community and encourage engagement.
- To support the council in delivering strategic priorities at a local level.

Community Board Priorities for 2023/24

Community Resilience: To support the community around physical, behavioural, social and environmental health and wellbeing, as well as crime and antisocial behaviour.

Economic Regeneration and Development: To seek schemes and initiatives that support new and existing local businesses (urban and rural) and to prioritise schemes and initiatives that help achieve the council’s Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.

To support businesses, organisations and individuals by evaluating their needs to improve economic competitiveness and prosperity.

Environment and Climate Change: To seek and support schemes and initiatives that help achieve and inform the Council’s Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy, and those that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage.

Transport and Road Issues: To work on local issues and initiatives to improve road safety, cycling and walking. To address specific parking, speeding and highways issues and support broader objectives to help reduce carbon emissions from transport.

Community Board Action Plan - Tasks

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues				
Raise the profile of the Board locally and encourage active engagement from local residents and stakeholders.	Develop a communications and engagement plan.	31.08.23	Jackie Binning	
	Continue to meet with community groups, town and parish councils.	2023/24	Jackie Binning	

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	Engage with local publications to promote the work of the boards: i) Agree publications. ii) Agree publication timescales. iii) Create plan and engage accordingly.	31.10.23 31.10.23 2023/24	Jackie Binning	
	Continue with the newsletter to ensure local residents and community groups are aware of community board activity and how to get involved. Two newsletters to be created – August 2023 and March/April 2024	2023/24	Jackie Binning	
	Continue to update the NWCCB page of the BC website (when appropriate).	2023/24	Jackie Binning	
	Attend local engagement events to promote the board, encourage involvement and project ideas	2023/24	Jackie Binning	Update 10.05.23: Attended Longwick Village Fete on 29.05.23. The NWC CB event is at Wades Park on 24.06.23. Further events to be agreed.

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Agree the areas of focus for the NWCCB.	Identify the priority areas for each action group agreed.	31.05.23	CB Chair / Vice Chair and Chairs of Action Groups	Update 10.05.23: The Environment and Climate Change Action have reviewed and agreed their aims for 2023/24.
Priority: Community Resilience				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives / aims.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to hold action group and invite key community groups and residents. • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	31.05.23	Jackie Binning	Complete: 10.05.23 Action Group set up. Frequency every 4 to 8 weeks. Action plan created and regularly followed up
Agreed objectives: Note – priority objectives are subject to change as currently being reviewed by the Action Group				
Road safety around antisocial behaviour (this may at times link with the Transport and Road Issues Action Group).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain data from Community Safety – act on where appropriate. • Continue to build relationship with Thames Valley Police. • Agree other solutions (if required) and support projects and initiatives that help address these objectives. 	31.03.24	Valerie McPherson	Update 10.05.23: Oliver Brixey has agreed to attend quarterly meetings with the North West Chilterns, South West Chilterns and Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Community Boards to present the latest crime figures/data. It was agreed that joint meetings would save on
To consider drug issues within County lines, drug trafficking in rural and urban areas.				
To consider matters around exploitation, including domestic violence, modern				

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
slavery, young person's grooming, and school children used as drug runners or mules.				time. Valerie McPherson will also attend. Dates to be agreed.
To consider matters around rural crime.				
To evaluate solutions around cons and scams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to build relationship with Trading Standards and Thames Valley Police. • Agree other solutions (if required) and support projects and initiatives that help address this objective. 	31.03.24	Valerie McPherson	
To train and educate young people who are at risk of offending/reoffending.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree solutions and support projects and initiatives that help address this objective. 	31.03.24	Valerie McPherson	
To consider issues around health and wellbeing, social and environmental health, social isolation and loneliness, dementia, disability and food poverty (as detailed in our Public Health profile).	<p>Projects agreed by the action group – carried forward from 2022/23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking in Nature • Community Garden (food project) • Horse Therapy with the Horses Trust in Speen • Party in the Park (annual CB event on 24.06.23) • To consider project around Autism. Feedback received 	31.03.24	Valerie McPherson	<p>Update 14.07.23: <u>Party in the Park</u> was carried out on 24.06.23. <u>Walking project</u> – funding application received from Hughenden Manor on 13.07.23. <u>Community Garden</u> is progressing at Orchard View Farm.</p>

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	<p>from those who attended the Dementia Bus Tour last year said this would be helpful.</p> <p>Some projects link with the above crime and anti-social behaviour aims .</p>			<p><u>Horse Therapy</u> -meeting held with the Horses Trust on 23.02.23. To partner with the Trust we will need a facilitator as they only manage the horses. To be investigated further.</p>
Support other local projects and initiatives that address our community resilience priority.	To consider local project ideas and funding applications to the board that help improve community resilience.	31.03.24	Valerie McPherson	See Budget spreadsheet for 2023/24 (Community Board Manager holds copy).
Priority: Economic Regeneration and Development				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to hold action group and invite key community groups and residents. • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	31.05.23	Jackie Binning	<p>Complete: 10.05.23</p> <p>Action Group set up. Frequency every 4 to 8 weeks.</p> <p>Action plan created and regularly followed up</p>
Agreed objectives:				
To seek schemes and initiatives that support new and existing local businesses (urban and rural).	To arrange a business networking event for the North West Chilterns Board area.	31.10.23	Matthew Walsh	<p>Update 14.07.23:</p> <p>Business networking event to be arranged for October 2023. Work relating to this will start in August 2023. BC's Economic Development</p>

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
To prioritise schemes and initiatives that help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy				team and Film Office will be participating.
	Support all businesses (where possible) that the group are made aware of to survive and prosper. Action to be agreed on an ad hoc basis.	31.03.24	Matthew Walsh	Update 10.05.23: See 2023/24 action group minutes for further information on discussions had regarding businesses in the Board area (held by the Community Board Manager).
	Broadband - As well as specifically reviewing our own Board's needs, the action group will work with Buckinghamshire Council, Town and Parish Councils and organisations to define the areas where Broadband needs to be improved.	31.03.24	Matthew Walsh	
Support other local projects and initiatives that improve economic recovery and prosperity locally	To consider project ideas and funding applications that seek to support and address economic regeneration and development.	31.03.24	Matthew Walsh	See Budget spreadsheet for 2023/24 (Community Board Manager holds copy).

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Priority: Environment and Climate Change				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to hold action group and invite key community groups and residents. • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	31.05.23	Jackie Binning	Complete: 10.05.23 Action Group set up. Frequency every 4 to 8 weeks. Action plan created and regularly followed up
Agreed objectives:				
To seek and support schemes and initiatives that help achieve and inform the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy, and those that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the action groups Environmental spreadsheet with BC's Environment & Climate Change Team. This identifies a number of objectives which support our priority • To progress agreed schemes. 	31.03.24	Robert Carington	Update 10.05.23: Meeting arranged with Phoebe Rison (BC's Environment & Climate Change Team) on 25.05.23 to agree next steps. Update 14.07.23: Meeting had with Pheobe on 25.05.23. A number of proposals were discussed which will be reviewed further during our next action group meeting on 02.08.23. One proposal in particular was around Carbon Literacy Training for the NWC CB. Further

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
				discussions to be had on the aims of this initiative and next steps.
Support other local projects and initiatives that benefit, promote and address the environment and climate change.	To consider project ideas and funding applications that support/address environmental and climate change.	31.03.24	Robert Carington	See Budget spreadsheet for 2023/24 (Community Board Manager holds copy).
Priority: Transport and Road Issues (TRIAG)				
Agreed objectives:				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to hold action group and invite key community groups and residents. • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	31.05.23	Jackie Binning	Complete: 10.05.23 Action Group set up. Frequency every 4 to 6 weeks. Action plan created and regularly followed up
Provide informed, local input into applications, consultations and petitions, in regard to transport and road issues. Ensure correct procedures are followed and an appropriate response obtained.	Support local stakeholders by providing informal advice and suggestions on transport road issues. Identify key transport and road issues (operational and policy related) for discussion in Action Group meetings.	31.03.24	Jim Stevens	See Budget spreadsheet for 2023/24 and also TRIAG's Overview Spreadsheet (Community Board Manager holds copies).

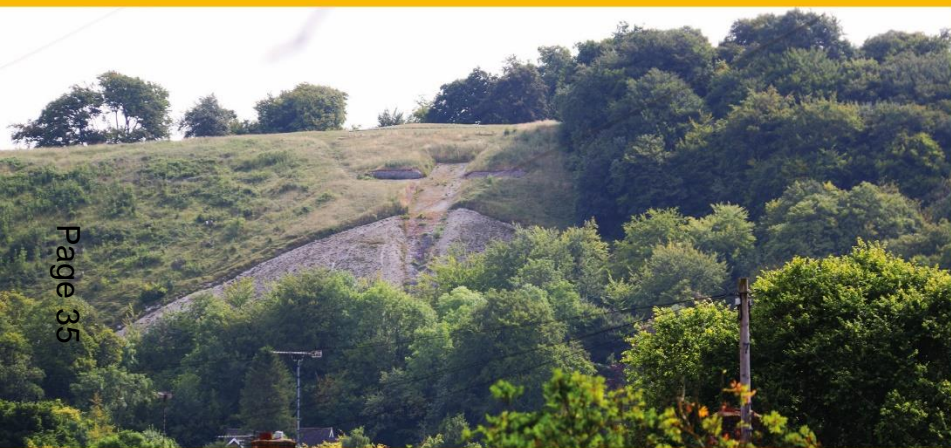
Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	<p>Provide considered feedback and input into highways and transport policy consultations (e.g. LTP5, EEH connectivity study, LCWIP).</p> <p>Support local stakeholders with developing petitions and applications for highway and traffic improvements in-line with new Highways Authority procedures (Buckinghamshire Highways).</p> <p>Continue to raise the profile of the local inspired A4010 Strategy and lobby Buckinghamshire Council for inclusion LTP5.</p>			
<p>Improve road safety for all road users, by pursuing appropriate improvements and changes to:-</p> <p>(a) Roads, footways, footpaths, bridleways and cycleways that are not up to the required standard and hedges, verges and access points</p>	<p>Identifying local highways and transport issues and developing suggested solutions for discussion with the Buckinghamshire council as the Highway Authority.</p> <p>Dealing with immediate issues through the Fix my Street website facility.</p> <p>Raising the profile of the Fix my Street website facility locally.</p>	31.03.24	Jim Stevens	Ongoing – see TRIAG’s Overview Spreadsheet 2023/24 (Community Board Manager holds copy)

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
<p>that are not maintained appropriately.</p> <p>(b) Speed limits, including enforcement and local monitoring.</p> <p>(c) Traffic and other road signs.</p> <p>(d) On street parking</p>	<p>Responding to adhoc requests and enquiries from local stakeholders and providing local informal advice in-line with the new procedures.</p>			
<p>Improve the environment by promoting and encouraging:</p> <p>(a) Active travel and new active travel routes.</p> <p>(b) Carbon emissions reduction.</p> <p>(c) Reduced car dependency and increased sustainable alternatives</p>	<p>Seek Community Board approval to the NWC 's Active Travel Aspirations document and then formally submit to Buckinghamshire Council for inclusion as a supplementary document in support of the Buckinghamshire LCWIP.</p> <p>Seek to find ways to provide input into the development of Buckinghamshire LCWIP to ensure that local cycling and walking aspirations in the NWC area are included.</p>	31/03/24	Jim Stevens	Ongoing – see TRIAG's Overview Spreadsheet 2023/24 (Community Board Manager holds copy)

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
	<p>Seek to work with BC officers and other third parties on initiatives that reduce car dependency and which promote sustainable alternatives where feasible.</p> <p>Seek to work with BC officers on Lift Apps and solutions - Action group to promote lift sharing solutions.</p> <p>Air Quality:</p> <p>Seek to work with BC's pollution team on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implementing an air quality pilot project at Stokenchurch School. • Implementing air quality monitoring stations in Princes Risborough prior to commencement of the expansion of the town (locations to be discussed and agreed with BC local members for PR). 			<p>Update 14th July 2023: Air Quality Monitor installed outside Stokenchurch Primary School on 8th June. Further schools to be agreed.</p> <p>Update 14th July 2023: Discussions with PR local members to be arranged.</p>

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Continue to feed back TRIAG's work on delivering the objectives to Buckinghamshire Council.	Seek to work with Buckinghamshire Council on transport and road issues (operational and policy related). Maintain a record of outcomes achieved.	31.03.24	Jim Stevens	Ongoing – see TRIAG's Action Group plan (Community Board Manager holds copy)
Work Planning				
To progress the Community Board schedule.	Develop a schedule for Community Board meetings.	30.04.22	Jackie Binning	Complete: 28.04.23
	27.07.23 – develop a meeting agenda.	July 23	Jackie Binning Chairman / Vice Chairman	Complete:
	07.12.23 – develop a meeting agenda.	November 23	Jackie Binning / Chairman / Vice Chairman	Complete:
	01.02.24 – develop a meeting agenda	January 2024	Jackie Binning / Chairman / Vice Chairman	Complete:
	Schedule monthly meetings with Chairman, Vice Chairman and Service Director.	30.04.23	Jackie Binning	Complete: 10.05.23
	Schedule meetings with Chairman, Vice Chairman and Action Group Leads.	30.04.23	Jackie Binning	Complete: 10.05.23
	Track and monitor action group tasks and projects.	31.03.24	Jackie Binning	Ongoing

14th July 2023



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2022/23 Annual Report

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Introduction

The North West Chilterns Community Board (NWC CB) is proud to stand at the heart of the council's ambition to be a council that understands and responds to the needs of our communities.

The NWC CB tailors itself to the needs of the local area with the common goal of bringing communities together to make a difference. The board uses local data and intelligence, and together with engagement and listening to residents, partners, local groups and organisations in the community, it prioritises areas of focus and explores the issues that are of greatest importance.

The overall aims of the NWC CB are:

- To develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues.
- To understand what is important to the community board area.
- To develop action groups to explore key areas of focus and identify how to take action as a community.
- To identify opportunities and projects that meet the community board priorities and support with financial and non-financial resources.
- To promote the community board and the community board fund to the local community and encourage engagement.
- To support the council in delivering strategic priorities at a local level.

Aims of this report



This annual report covers the financial year for 2022-23 and provides an overview of the North West Chilterns Community Board, including its priorities, projects, and engagement activities. This report also examines the impact of the board on the community.

The Community Board has worked extremely hard to support and fund a number of wide ranging projects which cover the entire board area.

It is also pleased to announce that for every £1 it committed in funding, it was matched with £1.61 in contributory funding, the second highest out of the 16 Community Boards.



Cllr Matthew Walsh
Chair



Cllr Carl Etholen
Vice Chair

The Community Board Manager is Jackie Binning

Buckinghamshire Councillor Membership

- Shade Adoh
- Marcus Angell
- Steven Broadbent
- Robert Carington
- David Carroll
- Gary Hall
- Clive Harris
- Darren Hayday
- Orsolya Hayday
- Maz Hussain
- Melanie Smith
- Alan Turner
- Paul Turner

Corporate Director

Sophie Payne

Sophie (Service Director for Culture, Sport & Leisure) is the Corporate Director for the North West Chilterns Community Board.

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Not only does Sophie represent the Board from a corporate perspective, she also attends the quarterly Board meetings to deliver our 'Buckinghamshire Updates' and takes questions.

In addition, Sophie regularly attends our Economic Regeneration & Development Action Group meetings.



Connecting with our Parishes

The Community Board is proud to have 14 parishes in its area, which play a vital role in supporting the livelihoods of urban and rural communities.

- Bledlow cum Saunderton
- Bradenham
- Downley
- Ellesborough
- Great and Little Hampden
- Great and Little Kimble
- Hughenden



- Lacey Green
- Longwick cum Ilmer
- Piddington and Wheeler End
- Princes Risborough
- Radnage
- Stokenchurch
- West Wycombe



Some of the organisations
we have worked with...



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2022/23 Priorities

- **Community Resilience**

- To support the community around physical, behavioural, social and environmental health and wellbeing, as well as crime and antisocial behaviour.

- **Economic Regeneration & Development**

- To seek schemes and initiatives that support new and existing local businesses (urban and rural).
- To prioritise schemes and initiatives that help achieve the council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.

- **Environment & Climate Change**

- To seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage.
- To seek and support schemes and initiatives that help achieve and inform the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.

- **Transport and Road Issues**

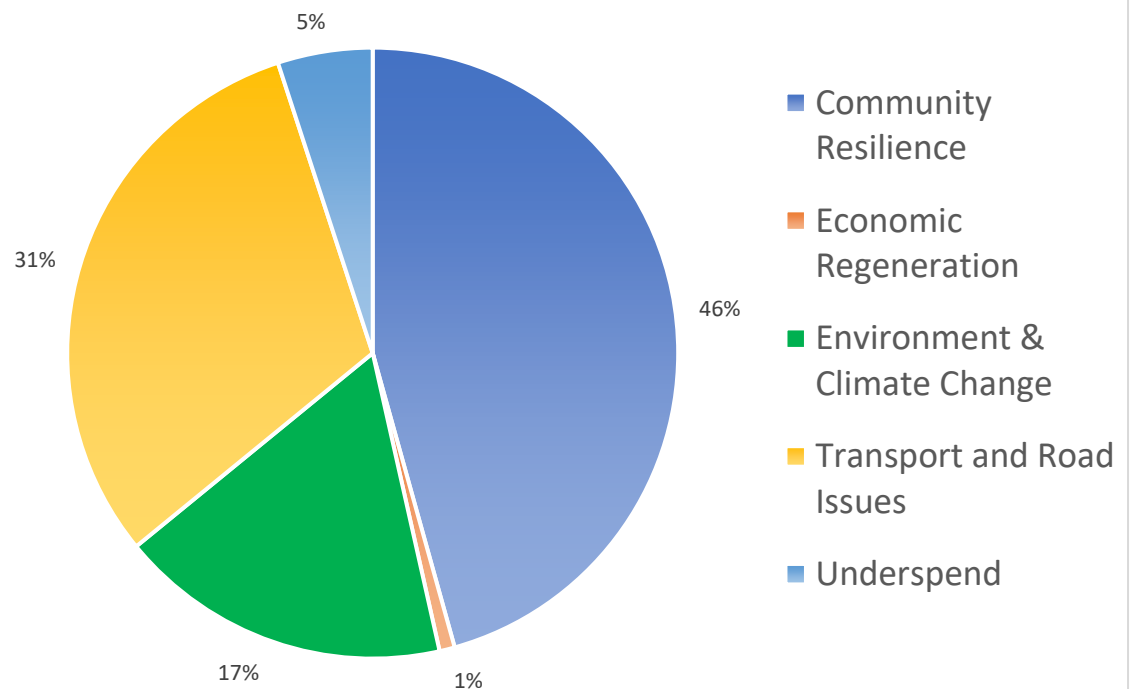
- To work on local issues and initiatives to improve road safety, cycling and walking. To address specific parking, speeding and highways issues, and to consider broader initiatives to reduce car dependency and emissions from transport.

Funding committed by Priority

2022/23 Budget - £125,177

Spend as at 31st March 2023

(subject to change due to final spend for Highways Schemes)



Here's a summary of the schemes we have funded in line with our priorities, along with some highlights of individual projects

Community Resilience



Community Resilience - Projects

Organisation	Project Detail	Total project cost	Funded
Wycombe Refugee Partnership (multi board project)	Food Vouchers, Hardship and Access Fund	£7,000	£7,000
Training2Care	Dementia Bus Tour (multi board)	£964	£880
Bledlow Village Cricket Club	Club refurbishment (BC Purchase Order 2)	£9,950 Carried forward from 2021/22	£9,055
Wycombe Mind	Free Space project (multi board)	£17,900	£2,000
Hughenden Street Association	Comms Tools	£635	£635
Stokenchurch Youth Crew	The support of 24 t-shirts for volunteers	£214	£214
UK Astronomy	Bringing the skies to you	£39,000	£1,015
Princes Risborough & District Scouting & Guiding	Asbestos removal	£10,788	£5,300
Lighthouse Princes Risborough	Children's Holiday Club	£39,935	£1,500

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Community Resilience - Projects

Organisation	Project Detail	Total project cost	Funded
Wycombe District Dementia Action	Comms Tools (multi board)	£2,000	£775
Community Centre at Studley Green	New entrance doors and alarm system	£6,660	£2,500
Stokenchurch Parish Council	Halloween Scavenger Hunt	£599	£599
Princes Risborough Charity	Christmas Hampers	£3,100	£2,000
Hughenden Valley Residents Association	Christmas Goodie Bags	£445	£445
Risborough Youth Club	Youth Club Activities 2023	£1,402	£962
Stokenchurch Parish Council	New bus shelter	£7,306	£5,306
NWC CB - Community Resilience Action Group	Bench project	£3,334	£3,334
Active in the Community	Forever Cycling	£12,669	£7,946
Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Replacement of the Village Hall Roof and Insulation	£7,250	£3,625
Stokenchurch Parish Council (on behalf of the Parish Magazine)	Village Matters Magazine	£1,407	£938
Wycombe Youth Action	Follyfoot Healing with Horses	£8,430	£1,146

Total NWC CB Contribution - £57,175

Project showcase: Community Resilience Active in the Community (AITC)



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This project will address social isolation and develop healthier lifestyles to improve mental wellbeing and strengthen a sense of community among participants, particularly among older residents, which is a significant demographic in the North West Chilterns area.

AITC sought funding to run their “Forever Cycling” sessions in six venues across the North West Chilterns, a programme which aims to get older adults physically, mentally and socially active by combining a cycling element, using floor pedals, with a virtual route projected onto a screen.



Forever Cycling

**LOW-MOBILITY
CYCLING CLASSES**

Travel the world from the
comfort of your local
community centre!

£4
Per
session



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Project showcase: Community Resilience

The Princes Risborough Charity



The board were proud to support the Princes Risborough Charity who provided 91 Christmas Hampers, which included both basic and luxury food items, to individuals, couples and families that had been identified as being in need in the town of Princes Risborough and surrounding area, including Monks Risborough, Askett and Whiteleaf.

This project brought together many local organisations to provide additional support to those at need and contribute to the overall resiliency of the local community. There has been a sharp increase in need within the local community due to cost of living pressures, which this project helped to address: both through the contents of the hamper and through signposting additional resources to people most at need.



Project showcase: Community Resilience

Community Bench



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To celebrate and reflect on the hard work and determination of our National Health Trust (NHS) staff and Care Workers during the Covid19 pandemic, the North West Chilterns Community Board asked all Town and Parish Councils if they would like a new bench in memory of this.

This project idea came about at a Community Resilience Action Group meeting, where it was suggested that it would be fitting to have places to think about those that helped during Covid, to allow people to remember our nearest and dearest, and/or a place to simply chat and rest along walking routes.

Project showcase: Community Resilience

Virtual Dementia Tour Bus

The North West Chilterns Community Board collaborated with the Beeches, South West Chilterns and Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Boards to deliver the Virtual Dementia Tour experience.



Designed to provide an immersive experience of what the challenges of dementia can feel like, it gave dozens of residents and representatives of local organisations an opportunity to not only take part in the session but also to meet others impacted by dementia or working to improve the lives of those living with it.



Economic Regeneration

- Risborough Area Community Bus – Social Media Campaign
Total project cost, £1,350

Total NWC CB Contribution - £1,013

Project showcase: Economic Regeneration

Social Media Campaign

The Risborough Area Community Bus (RACB) has provided much needed transport to the elderly, particularly those without their own transport and brought footfall and income to the town centre.

Post covid restrictions saw passenger numbers drop affecting the viability of the bus and also the town centre. North West Chilterns Community Board supported a social media campaign to increase awareness, attract younger passengers and encourage people to leave their car at home.

As a result, RACB has seen an increase in usage and new passengers and decided to extend the campaign for a further three months after project completion.



Project showcase: Economic Regeneration Marketing and Promoting Local Tourism Project



A 6-month project with Visit Buckinghamshire (VB) was agreed in 2021/22 but delivered during 2022/23.

This project, a first for a Community Board kicked off at the beginning of May 2022. The purpose of the project was to ensure businesses in this locality got a larger slice of the £901 million spent by visitors in Buckinghamshire, in addition to accessing support to help them recover from the pandemic.

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As part of this project a network event was organised which was a great success. This format for bringing people together worked well, great conversations were had, networks were expanded and collaborations discussed. We are now looking to run another event in Autumn 2023.

The NWC CB was well represented during this project, and with the help of VB, were able to provide businesses with the necessary tools and information to help them recover post covid.

Environment & Climate Change

- Buckinghamshire Community Energy – Public Awareness Efficiency Campaign
Total project cost £1,350 / Funded £1,350
- Monks Risborough Parochial Charity – Lily Bottom Lane Allotment
Total project cost £19,008 / Funded £15,000
- Chiltern Conservation Board – Hedgerow project
Total project cost £72,036 / Funded £5,000
- Princes Risborough Town Council – Bee Squared Project
Total project cost £600 / Funded £600

Total NWC CB Contribution - £22,044

Project showcase: Environment & Climate Change

Chiltern Conservation Board (CCB)



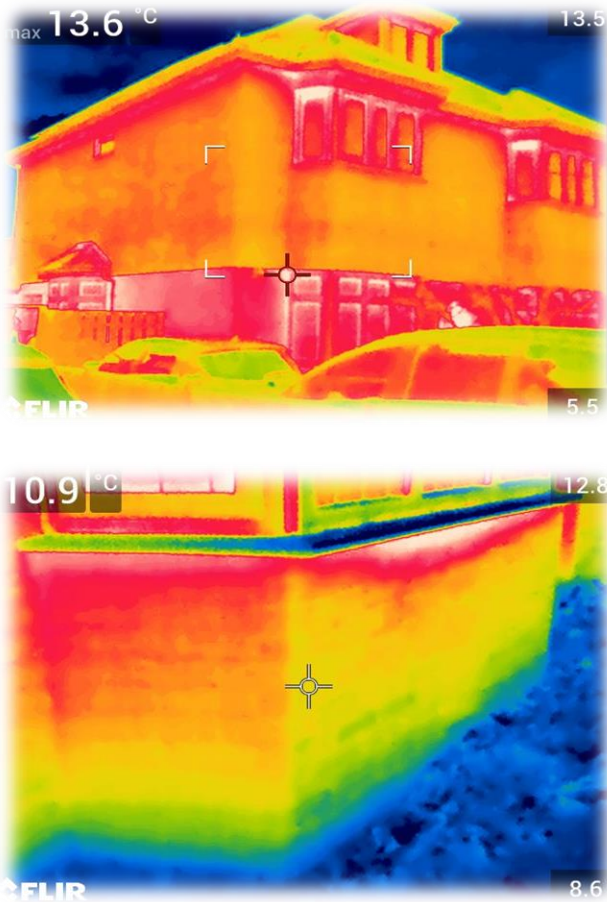
The CCB applied for funding to deliver specific hedgerow projects across three farms: Little Horsenden Farm, Old Callowdown Farm, and Beechdean Farm. The project will deliver many environmental objectives, which include, a greater area of wildlife rich habitat, increase in biodiversity and more carbon will be stored and/or sequestered.



The project will also support farmers to encourage sustainable economic growth, and to maximise opportunities, through helping them to access additional resources for longer-term funding such as Countryside Stewardship schemes and upskilling farmers in practical land management.

Project showcase: Environment & Climate Change

Buckinghamshire Community Energy



This application was to fund the planning, marketing and delivery of the Leaky Homes Roadshow to more homeowners in the NWC CB and through these events to advise local people on how to reduce their energy usage and carbon emissions in their daily life and work, to engage with the community to stimulate discussion, thinking and action around local, community and individual solutions to the climate crisis and to deliver 18 thermal imaging and energy advice reports.



Project showcase: Environment & Climate Change Bee Squared project

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This application sought funding to encourage residents of Princes Risborough and the surrounding areas to plant wildflowers and help bees, by planting a “Bee Square.”

This project was in response to the climate and biodiversity crisis, with an aim to increase biodiversity and awareness for residents by engaging with private householders in planting up a small patch of wildflowers (a “Bee Square”), creating more re-fuelling pit stops for pollinators.

Project showcase: Environment & Climate Change

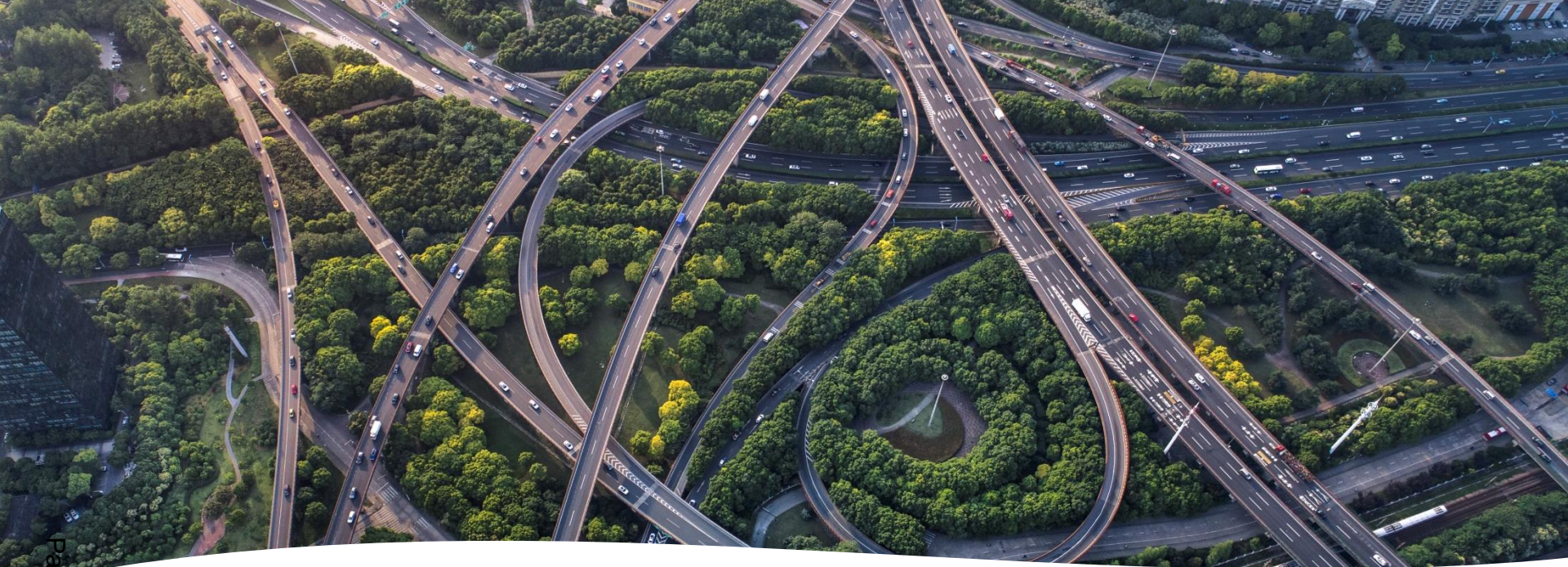
A project from 2020/21 – update....



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Pictures of our first chicks from our Bird Conservation project with the Askett Society.

The project's main objectives are to increase bird population, particularly owls within the local area, while engaging and educating the community, with wildlife. Askett has large open spaces within the village which the Society are aware is a hunting ground for owls, and they would like to use this advantageous position to increase the owl population within the local environment.



Transport and Road Issues

- Seven highway schemes carried forward to 2023/24
Total project cost £73,006 / Funded £30,922
- Longwick cum Ilmer Parish Council – Toll Bar
Additional project costs: Road Closure £1,875 / Road Friction Road Surface £3,363
- Ellesborough Parish Council - Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign
Total project cost £4,500 / Funded £2,500

Total NWC CB Contribution - £38,659

Project showcase: Transport and Road Issues

Longwick cum Imer Parish Council – Toll Bar Corner



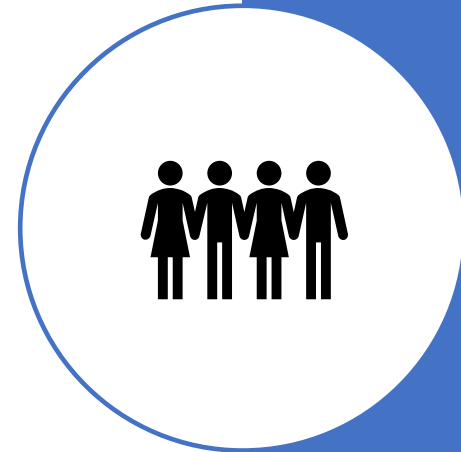
A dangerous crossroad in Longwick was highlighted by the Parish Council. The action group decided to look at possible solutions and discussed these with Transport for Bucks. The solutions taken forward were red high friction surfacing and install an 'Advanced Give Way' sign on its approach to the A4129 Thame Road. Funded by North West Chilterns Community Board this provides a visible cue to motorists of the approaching junction and an improved surface to break on.

In addition, before approaching this junction, the existing 30mph signs were replaced with yellow backed signs and dragons teeth road markings were also installed at the 30mph limit location.

The North West Chilterns Community Board is much more than just a source of funding....

We play a critical role in promoting community engagement and work closely with local organisations, charities, and communities to build a stronger and more connected community.

The action groups are truly local and have many residents, local groups and Town/Parish Councillors participating. The board and it's action groups are very committed in understanding the needs and priorities of the community, and to developing programmes and initiatives that respond to those needs, be it by supporting local charities, or providing resources, schemes and support where help is necessary.



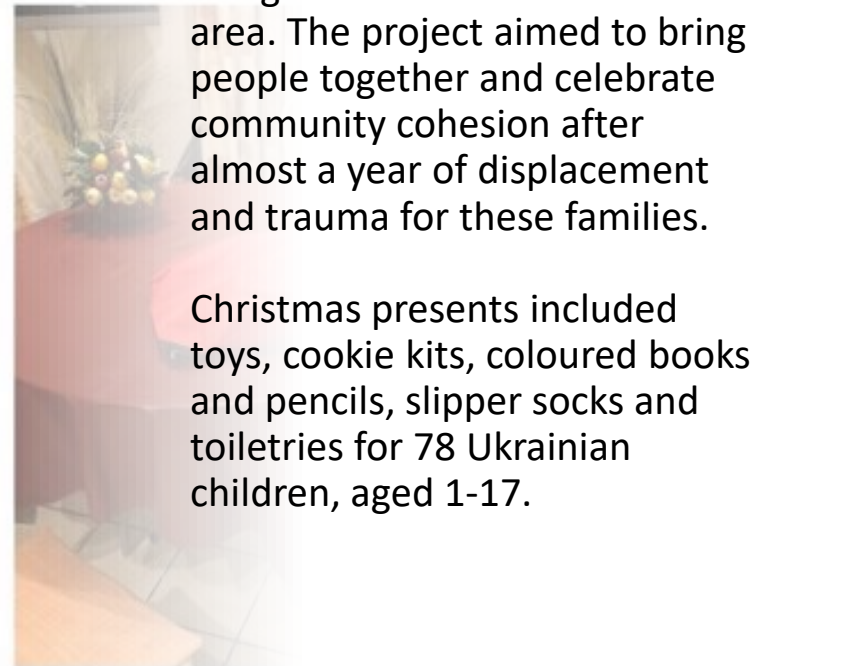
The following pages showcase some examples of what our Action Groups do.



Ukraine to Chilterns Christmas support for Ukrainian families

Linked up Ukraine to Chilterns with the Council's Ukraine support team who funded Christmas gifts to Ukrainian refugee children in the Chilterns area. The project aimed to bring people together and celebrate community cohesion after almost a year of displacement and trauma for these families.

Christmas presents included toys, cookie kits, coloured books and pencils, slipper socks and toiletries for 78 Ukrainian children, aged 1-17.





The Princes Risborough Charity

Hot Food Voucher Scheme

North West Chilterns Community Board linked together Helping Hands and the Princes Risborough Charity and they delivered a project which provided hot meal vouchers for those struggling during the cost of living crisis.

Broadband



Worked with local Broadband providers over 2022-23 to help improve urban and rural connectivity.

Supporting our Local Economy

The Economic Regeneration Action group discuss issues and concerns raised by local businesses to support their development and growth.





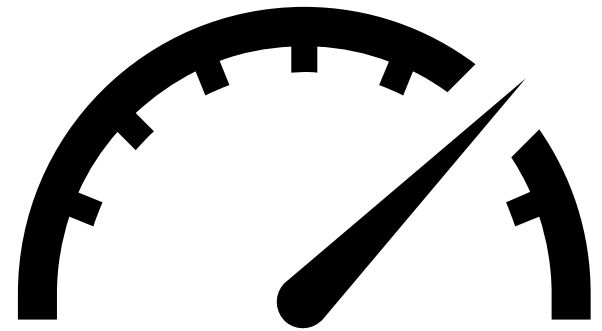
Air Quality

The Transport and Road Issues Action Group identified the need to collect air quality data in Princes Risborough. The Council's Environment team subsequently were contacted and then worked jointly with the Action Group on a plan to monitor air quality in Princes Risborough. Monitoring will commence in 2023.

The data collected will enable air quality comparisons before, during and after the construction work on the housing expansion of the town and the construction of the new relief road.

Traffic Speeds and Speed Limits

A regular discussion at Action Group meetings is about local community concerns with speeding traffic and speed limits. Local community groups are often invited to Action Group meetings to discuss their concerns direct. The Action Group helps to find ways forward with possible solutions, such as setting up local Community Speedwatch initiatives.



Cycling and Walking

One of the transport and Road Issues Action Group's top priorities is to find ways to encourage more cycling and walking in the NWC's area.

This is to help accessibility and tourism within the NWC's area, and also help reduce car dependency and emissions.

The group has used local input from residents, Resident Associations, community groups, Buckinghamshire Councillor's and Parish and Town Council's to produce an aspirational plan that it hopes will help Buckinghamshire Council with it's own Active Travel aspirations and projects.

**NORTH WEST CHILTERN'S
ACTIVE TRAVEL
ASPIRATIONS**





Engagement Events in 2022-23

The North West Chilterns Community Board attended a number of events to promote the board and those organisation's it supported and funded.

Proud of Bucks Awards 2022

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On 24th June 2023, the North West Chilterns Community Board hosted an awards ceremony at their 2023 event in Wades Park, Princes Risborough.

Winners of the awards and all those that were nominated were celebrated.





Looking ahead...

Priorities for 2023/24

- Community Resilience
- Economic Regeneration & Development
- Environment & Climate Change
- Transport and Road Issues

For more information, go to our webpage

[North West Chilterns Community Board | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

If you would like to get involved, or have a project which supports any of our local priorities and would like to discuss further, then please get in touch with Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager.

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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

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:



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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

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



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

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.

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.



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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

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

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](#).

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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