



## Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Venue: Chearsley Village Hall, Winchendon Road, Chearsley, Buckinghamshire. HP18 ODW

### **BC Councillors:**

A Waite (Chairman), P Irwin (Vice-Chairman), N Brown, M Caffrey, P Gomm, J Jordan, S Lewin, I Macpherson, F Mahon, M Rand and G Smith

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

Ashendon Parish Council; Aston Sandford Parish Meeting; Berryfields Parish Council; Boarstall Parish Meeting; Brill Parish Council; Chearsley Parish Council; Chilton Parish Council; Cuddington Parish Council; Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council; Dorton Parish Meeting; Edgcott Parish Council; Fleet Marston Parish Meeting; Grendon Underwood Parish Council; Haddenham Parish Council; Ickford Parish Council; Kingsey Parish Meeting; Kingswood Parish Meeting; Long Crendon Parish Council; Ludgershall Parish Council; Marsh Gibbon Parish Council; Nether Winchendon Parish Meeting; Oakley Parish Council; Poundon Parish Meeting; Quainton Parish Council; Shabbington Parish Council; Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council; Upper Winchendon Parish Meeting; Waddesdon Parish Council; Westcott Parish Council; Woodham Parish Meeting; Worminghall Parish Council; Wotton Underwood Parish Meeting

If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

For further information please contact: Elaine Hassall (Community Board Manager) on , email [hadwadcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hadwadcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

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1	<b>Chairman's Welcome and Introduction to the Community Board</b> Cllr Ashley Waite, Chair	6:30pm	

<b>2</b>	<b>Notes from the 16th February 2023 Meeting</b> Elaine Hassall, Community Board Manager		<b>3 - 82</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Elaine Hassall, Community Board Manager		
<b>4</b>	<b>Spotlight on Local Charities/Projects or Schemes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Resource Efficiency Service ('Energy Doctor' scheme – Victoria Nash Including questions.</li> <li>• Library of Things – Ashley Waite Including questions.</li> </ul>	<b>6:35pm</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Christmas Campaign</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bernie's 10,000 Can Challenge – Ashley Waite Including questions</li> <li>• Aspire Bucks – Paul Irwin Including questions</li> </ul>	<b>6:55pm</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Community Board Update</b> Elaine Hassall, Community Board Manager	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>83 - 88</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Community Matters (opportunity for residents and members to raise pre-submitted issues and public questions)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCWIP update</li> <li>• Parish Workshops update and discussion around Warm Hubs and Supporting rural GP surgeries.</li> </ul>	<b>7:35pm</b>	<b>89 - 92</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Topics for Future Consideration</b> Elaine Hassall, Community Board Manager	<b>7:55pm</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6:30 pm at Waddesdon Community Centre	<b>8:00pm</b>	



## Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board held on Thursday 16 February 2023 in Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting., commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.10 pm.

### **BC Councillors present**

A.Waite (Chairman), P. Irwin (Vice-Chairman), G. Smith and F. Mahon

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

Parish Councillors Nick Morgan (Aston Sandford Parish Council), Alan Thawley and David Truesdale (Haddenham Parish Council), Christine Lewin (Ludgershall Parish Council), Angela Coultard (Stone and Bishopstone Parish Council), Jane Perks (Waddesdon Parish Council) and Steve Bramley (Worminghall Parish Council)

### **Others in attendance**

Ross and Rebecca Batting (3B Hire Ltd), Stuart Nobel (BC Adult Social Care), Corrinna Martin (Family Information Service), Elaine Hassall, Shilpa Manek, Nicola Surman, Lloyd Jeffries (BC Officers), Stuart Grosse (Bucks Fire and Rescue Service), Philip Ramsell (Kingsey Community), Richard List (Resident) and Lindsey Feeley (St Leonard's Church, Grendon Underwood)

### Agenda Item

#### **1 Chairman's Welcome and introduction to the Community Board**

The Chairman welcomed all to the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board meeting.

#### **2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors Phil Gomm, Jilly Jordan, Susan Lewin, Iain Macpherson and Michael Rand, Parish Councillors Ken Birkby, Fiona Payne, Jon Mole and Barbara Kolbert.

#### **3 Notes from the 27th September 2022 meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved as a correct record.

#### **4 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Ashley Waite declared a personal interest in item 6, Spotlight on local charities, as consultant of the Bernwode Community Bus.

Councillor Paul Irwin declared a personal interest in item 6, Spotlight on local charities, as trustee of the Bernwode Community Bus.

Councillor Gregory Smith declared a personal interest In item 6, Haddenham Zero Carbon Haddenham – EV Car Club project, as Chair of the Zero Carbon Haddenham Group.

## **5 Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service**

Group Commander Stuart Grosse, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, gave a presentation, appended to the minutes.

Group Commander Stuart Grosse made the following points in the presentation:

- Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority is made up of five councillors from Milton Keynes and twelve from Buckinghamshire. The Chair of the Fire Authority is Simon Rouse and the Chief Fire Officer is Jason Thelwell.
- The four community safety priorities are Safer Homes, Safer Neighbourhoods, Safer Roads and Safer Environment.
- The wholetime service delivery area for the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Area is Aylesbury Fire Station.
- The majority of the finances for the service were from council tax and the remainder from business rates, revenue support grant and other specific grants.
- The community safety priorities for the Aylesbury service delivery area were Reduction in accidental dwelling fires, reduction in secondary fires, road safety and community engagement.
- The summer pressures included the highest temperatures and dry weather declaring two major incidents at Kiddi Caru Nursery in Milton Keynes and the other at Whitehouse Farm in Wooburn Green, High Wycombe.
- Future issues that may be a concern included HS2, climate change, development within Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes and the Fire Reform White Paper.

A question was asked by a member of how the fire service would look like in the future and it seemed that discussions were currently being had that the future would be very much like the medical services, concentrating on more community engagement, safeguarding and working more within the community.

The Chairman thanked Group Commander Stuart Grosse for attending and providing a very informative presentation and suggested that any information and messages could be circulated through existing channels such as the Community Group Facebook page and through Parish and Town Councils.

## **6 Spotlight on local charities/projects**

### **Haddenham Zero Carbon Haddenham – EV Car Club project**

Haddenham Parish Councillor, Alan Thawley, along with Ross and Rebecca Batting, Directors of 3B Vehicle Hire, gave a presentation to the Community Board on the EV Car Club Project, appended to the minutes. Haddenham had declared a Climate emergency with a 2030 net zero target for the whole community. Cutting transport emissions through adoption of EVs was a key part of the plan and a car club was a good way to introduce people to EVs.

Over the last two years, an initial survey was completed to gauge interest, decide on a model, bring on partners such as 3B and get agreement for chargers and installation. Zero-Carbon Haddenham is a four-way partnership; Xero Carbon Haddenham, Parish Council/Village Hall, 3B Vehicle Hire and Thame Green Living.

The points raised by the Community Board Members included:

- The car club would be non-profit making project for the near future but was not far off from paying for itself to run. The first year of the scheme would cover all costs.
- It was interesting to see that 50% of users were regular users and to date, 35 bookings had been made since the start of the scheme, in December 2022.
- Many other Parish and Town Councils had expressed an interest to expand the car club.
- Visibility for the car club was most important in the community to make everyone be aware of the facility available.
- The use of the cars was available for all to use via the 3B Vehicle Hire website, there was no fees to sign up to the car club.
- The promotional material would be circulated to Community Board Members.

The Chairman thanked all for the presentation and for assisting all present to understand the way the car club worked.

### **Update on Bernwode Community Bus (Bernie Bus projects)**

The Chairman, Councillor Ashley Waite, gave a presentation to the Community Board about all the minibuses acquired by the Bernie Bus Projects, appended to the minutes.

The project was launched in 2018 in Waddesdon, originally with a 16-seater minibus to serve the old people's groups in Waddesdon and Quainton. This has increased with the addition of Bernie, a 16-seater, Bella, another 16-seater and Bernadette, a wheelchair friendly car that can take three passengers plus a driver and a wheelchair. The vehicles are used by elderly day centres, sports clubs, Brownies, Wedding and other party groups and many other local groups.

Bernie was also running a Foodbank Collection Box, collecting every first Saturday of the month from 26 drop off points across the area. This has become key in helping people gain access to food. In December 2022, the 5000 Can Challenge was achieved

with 8293 cans collected. The challenge was achieved by schools, pubs, gyms and events.

There are also the Bernie's Eco Warriors, a number of schools and litter picking groups, keeping the local area clean and tidy. Bernie transports the volunteers safely and gets rid of the bags afterwards.

Bernie's buddies are a social group who uses Bernie for trips to garden centres and local markets. Bernie has reduced social isolation in the local community. Bernie also took the Bernie Santa Float to four villages in the Waddesdon area. Cash Donations in excess of £1200 were collected to assist with trips to help with social isolation.

The Chair ended the presentation asking for more volunteers to drive the minibuses.

## **7 Community Board and Funding update**

The Community Board Manager introduced the Community Board area to all present and highlighted some of the exciting things achieved such as the 27 projects that had been funded to a value of £120,000, the playgrounds in Cheersley, Cuddington and Grendon Underwood had been refurbished, three health and wellbeing events had been launched in Haddenham, Berryfields and Waddesdon and community fridges and larders had been created in Grendon Underwood and Waddesdon. These were just a few of the projects.

The Chair reported that the Library of Things had taken longer than expected but was now ready, a request for volunteers would be sent round. It would be very helpful if the library could be filled with items that the community could borrow, use and return. Items such as fold up chairs, tables, gazebos, DIY equipment and other things that could be reused.

The following events were coming up:

Health and Wellbeing Fayre – Wednesday 22 February 2023 – 1-6pm at Roman Park Hall in Berryfields.

Quainton Showcase – Saturday 11 March 2023 – 2-4pm at Quainton Memorial Hall.

The finances were highlighted and that the Community Board had received £138,639.00 for 2022/23 budget allocation. Of that, £120,186 had been allocated to projects and £140,945.13 had been received through contributory funding resulting in total funds of £263, 302.00, amounting in contributing funding of £1.15 that was secured for every pound of CB investment.

A list of projects that the monies was spent on was shared with the Members, as part of the presentation.

There needed to be a more collaborate approach for the future where the

Community Board Manager be involved from an early stage to assist and plan and evenly spread the funding. It was requested that could communities that had received no funding be targeted and assisted to generate activity.

The Chair asked the Community Board what else could be done. The Cost-of-Living update would be appended to the minutes.

The Community Board Manager reminded all about the Proud of Bucks Award and informed them that 17 nominations had been received. These would be judged, and the announcement would be made in Spring 2023.

## **8 Community Matters (opportunity for residents and members to raise pre-submitted issues and public questions)**

The Service Director for Resources, Business Operations, Buckinghamshire Council, Lloyd Jeffries, provided an update from the Council, note appended to minutes.

The four main points that were highlighted were:

- A local Heritage List had been created which identified locally significant heritage sites. These sites had been nominated by local communities and council staff and had been evaluated by the council's Heritage Team. The list would be recognised and considered in future planning applications, helping to protect local heritage assets for future generations to enjoy. The list of nominated sites can be seen at the link: [Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List website](#).
- On-Street Charge Points Scheme – After successfully securing £407K from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles, the Council will be installing 128 new parking bays in 16 of its car parks across the county, by April 2023. Other places were being looked in to install more EV parking bays, especially within Town and Parish Council car parks. Further information about Buckinghamshire Council's 5-year Action plan was available at [Buckinghamshire Council's 5-year Action Plan](#).
- Local Plan Update – Over 700 sites had been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire. An interactive map was available on the Council website showing the Brownfield sites [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](#). Each of the sites were now being evaluated against the criteria of suitability for their chosen use, availability and deliverability over the plan period to 2040. They were currently setting the overarching vision and objectives for the Local Plan. The team were working on a forthcoming public consultation which would enable people to comment and give feedback on the draft Vision and Objectives.
  - Visitor Economy Survey – A new Tourism Survey had been launched by the Council, which would help to shape the future of Buckinghamshire's visitor economy sector. The Council was looking for input from residents, businesses and key stakeholders, which would help identify new opportunities and to

support the future growth of the visitor economy across Buckinghamshire. Buckinghamshire residents, business owners and other tourism stakeholders can complete the survey [here](#).

**9 Topics for future consideration**

The Community Board Manager reminded all that it had to be a joint effort and if anyone felt that a specialist group needed to be put together to understand and focus on, then it could be put together.

Topics suggested for future considerations included:

Planning  
Road Safety  
Walking Infrastructure Plan – Autumn meeting  
Thames Valley Police

**10 Date of next meeting.**

The date of next meeting was noted as being on Thursday 8 June at 6.30pm on Microsoft Teams.





Buckinghamshire  
Fire & Rescue Service

Fire & Rescue Service updates

Haddenham and Waddesdon  
Community Board



# Agenda

## POINTS OF DISCUSSION

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  - 03 Summer pressures 2022

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  - 04 New challenges



# Our organisation



# Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



## How is the Authority made up

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



**Simon Rouse**  
Chair of the Fire Authority



# Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service

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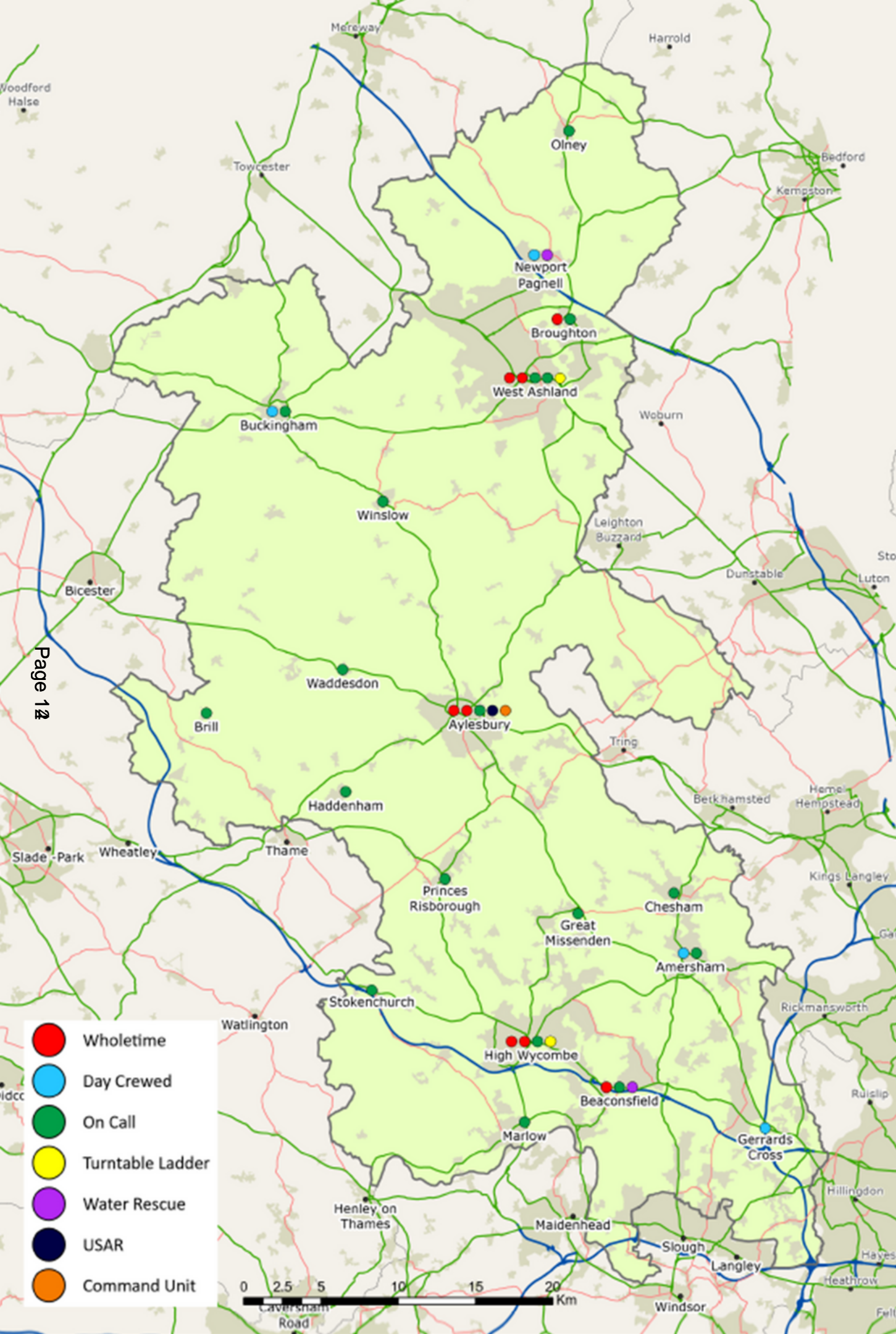
## Our people

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



**Jason Thelwell**  
Chief Fire Officer



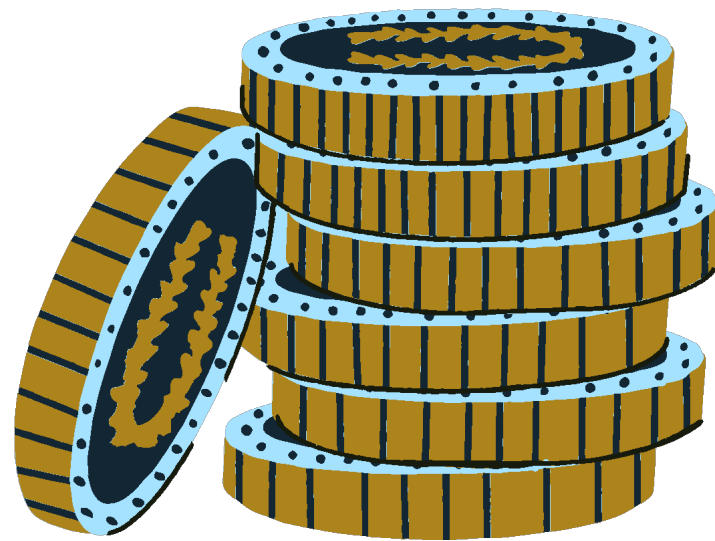


# Our Fire Stations

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



# Our finances



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



# Community safety initiatives





# Our vision

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



# OUR FOUR COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES



SAFER HOMES



SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS



SAFER ROADS



SAFER ENVIROMENT

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



# Aylesbury Service Delivery Area



## Better Understanding the Local Community, Risk and Incident Trends

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

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

## Service delivery areas

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

**Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board** area forms part of the Aylesbury Service delivery area

- Wholetime Station- Aylesbury Fire Station
- Station Commander Kev Mercer
- On-Call Stations-Haddenham and Waddesdon Fire Stations
- Station Commander Paul Henderson



# Aylesbury service delivery area

## Community safety priorities

### Reduction in accidental dwelling fires

Focusing on the over 80's  
Home Fire Safety visits  
Fire sense



### Reduce Secondary fires

Unattended bonfires, fly tipping  
Fire setters



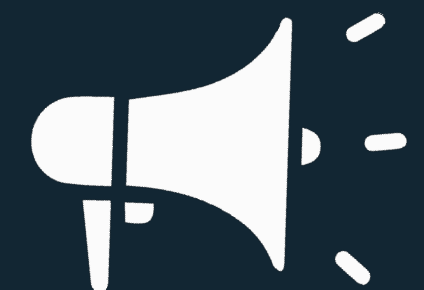
### Road safety

Partner agency activity  
Pre driver theatre education programme  
Better Biker



### Community Engagement

Schools year 5



# Summer pressures 2022

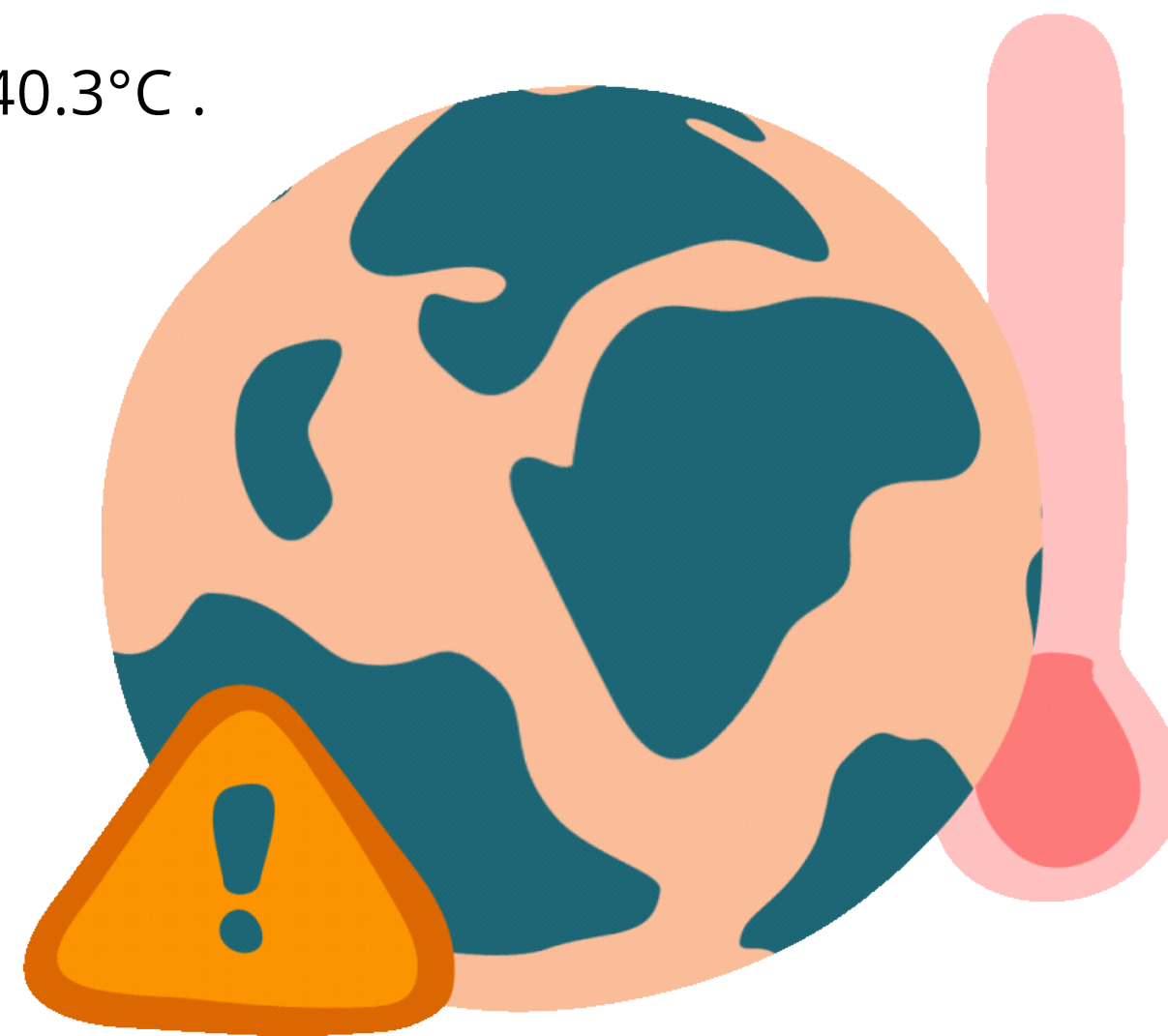


# Record temperatures

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

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

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



# Major Incidents declared

By Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue

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

- Kiddi Caru Nursey Walnut Tree Milton Keynes

One in the south of the county at 14:37. Whitehouse Farm,

- Wooburn Moor, High Wycombe

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



# Service Wide Major Incident

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

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



**MAJOR  
INCIDENT**



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

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

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

BFRS has debriefed, reviewed and collated the information from this period to improve our service delivery and staff welfare at future events.

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



# New Challenges



# Horizon scanning

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





**ANY QUESTIONS**





A 100% electric community car club based in the village of Haddenham and its neighbouring market town of Thame across the border in Oxfordshire

# Background

- Haddenham declared a climate emergency with a 2030 net-zero target for the whole community
- Cutting transport emissions through adoption of EVs is a key part of the plan
- A car club is a good way to introduce people to Evs
- It also addresses the issue of embodied emissions from manufacturing
- And can help to reduce driving



# Journey

Over two-year process to get the club up and running

- Initial survey to gauge interest
- Deciding on model
- Bringing 3B onboard as a partner
- Lengthy process of getting agreement for chargers and installation



# Partnership



## A four-way partnership

- Zero Carbon Haddenham – developed the idea and promote the club
- Parish Council/Village Hall – installed the chargers (one public, one dedicated to the Hire Club) at a cost of c. £11,000, with some support from our community board
- 3B Vehicle Hire – provide the car and run the club, using the Hiya Car booking platform
- Thame Green Living – our partner community group in Thame, which also has a car



# Initial results



We officially launched the Haddenham car on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thame car slightly earlier in September 2022)

- Strong interest: mailing list of over 300 (three quarters in Haddenham), around 150 signed up to the club, 20 active users so far in Haddenham
- User base is expanding and hires are getting longer
- Haddenham car benefits from better visibility and also stronger community feel in the village.
- Aim is to convince households to give up a second car

# Issues

- Some people have found the tech (App plus EV) challenging
- Hiya Car insurance only covers 25-75 year-olds
- Occasional issues releasing the charging cable
- Users have sometimes failed to set the car charging after hire
- Publicity and getting people to try something new

Hiya Car have responsive online support for bookings, and 3B have also been excellent, providing alternative vehicles where necessary, for example.



# EV HIRE CLUB UPDATE

Compared to making the same trips in the average UK car, the Hire Club has saved just over half a tonne of CO2 emissions so far. If we extrapolated the same usage rate over a year, that would be just short of 3 tonnes, the equivalent of the carbon removed by 133 mature trees.



[3BHIRE.CO.UK/EV-HIRE-CLUB/](http://3BHIRE.CO.UK/EV-HIRE-CLUB/)



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# The Bernwode Community Bus

2023 update



# Highlights

- Launched in 2018 in Waddesdon
- Originally a 16 seater Mercedes sprinter with a tail lift and the ability to take two wheelchairs
- With the primary objective to serve the old peoples groups in Waddesdon and Quainton
- Has gone from strength to strength
- Charitable status
- More usage and more variety in booked runs
- More Vehicles



## Merging with Bart

- In 2020, we merged with BART, Buckingham area rural transport to offer two buses and a wider coverage area
- So we now cover from buckingham in the north to Haddenham and Princes Risborough in the south
- The new bernie is a 16 seater peugeot boxer minibus with a side door and loads of room inside for a variety of uses
- Bart has a 13 seater peugeot boxer minibus which is kitted to a high standard with a low user step, tail lift and a multitude of handrails making it ideal for the elderly



## The Fleet - “ Bernie the Bus “

- A 16 Seater Peugeot Minibus
- Easy Access for the side door
- Can be driven on a standard car licence
- Plenty of space for luggage
- Based in Waddesdon
- Available with or without a driver





## The Fleet - “ Bart “

- 13 Seater peugeot minibus
- With a Taillift
- Ability to take a wheelchair
- Low level side step
- Ideal for elderly groups
- Space for luggage
- Based in Buckingham
- Available with or without a driver

## The Fleet - “ Bella “

- The newest member of the fleet
- A 16 seater Citroen minibus
- With overhead lockers
- Ideal for kids trips
- Based in Waddesdon
- Available with or without a driver



## The Fleet - “ Bernadette “

- Wheelchair friendly car
- Can be hired with or without a driver
- Can take 3 passengers plus a driver plus a wheelchair
- Available with or without a driver
- Based In Buckingham



# Bookings - What we do?

We cater to the following local groups

- Elderly day centres
- Sport clubs
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- Friendship groups
- Brownies
- Weddings
- Parties and celebrations
- And loads of other opportunities.....



# Bernie's Food Appeal



## During Covid

- During covid, Bernie and his team were key in supporting the work of the food banks by collecting across the Aylesbury Vale
- This process ran for close to 10 months and we collected over 2000 crates of food via a regular schedule
- We played music and collected in fancy dress to raise the mood at this difficult time
- We were also helping with the redistribution of government food boxes
- Bernie has become key in helping people gain access to food



## Post Covid and the cost of living crisis

- Following covid, food sustainability has become a key issue as the country is locked in a cost of living crisis
- Bernie continues to collect on a monthly basis from 26 drop off points across the area.
- We regularly collect half a tonne of food each month which has become invaluable to the work of the food banks in Aylesbury and the surrounding area.



***Souper January!***  
Help us fill the foodbank's shelves with soup this month.  
Every month the foodbank uses approximately 840 tins of soup!

at  
STOREHOUSE

# The 5000 Can Challenge

- As a result of a grant from the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community board we were able to launch the 5000 Can Challenge in October to December 2022.
- Simply put, We set a target of collecting 5000 cans of food before christmas through our existing network as well as new opportunities.
- 9 Schools, 3 pubs, 2 gyms and several one of events all contributed to smashing the target and achieving an end of year total of 8293 cans collected

**THE BERNWODE COMMUNITY BUS PRESENTS**

## The 5000 Can Challenge

**DONATE**

For more info call Ashley on 07977 401548 or check [facebook](#)

**THE NEXT EVENT IS**

**GIVE A LITTLE TO HELP SO MANY TO HELP THE FOODBANKS WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

BERNIE THE BUS IS HOPING TO COLLECT 5000 CANS OF FOOD BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE YEAR AND WE ARE ASKING SCHOOLS TO HELP. THE CANS WILL BE DONATED TO HELP FOODBANKS WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS.

AT OUR NEXT SCHOOL EVENT WE WILL BE ASKING YOU TO DONATE A CAN AS YOU ARRIVE TO ENJOY THE OCCASION. YOU CAN, OF COURSE, DONATE AT ANY POINT AS WELL.

ANY ORGANISATION TAKING PART WILL RECEIVE A UNIQUE BERNIE CERTIFICATE AND PHOTO. WE ARE VERY KEEN TO TALK TO ANY SCHOOL OR EVENT ORGANISER WHO WISHES TO GET INVOLVED.



# Bernie's Eco Warriors



# Bernie's Eco Warriors

- Bernie has constantly been working with a number of local schools and litter picking groups in order to keep our local area clean and tidy
- We provide transport services to ensure that volunteers can be transported safely to an area in order to litter pick
- We have also helped to get rid of the bags afterwards



# Bernie's Buddies



## What is bernies buddies

A social group of residents who use Bernie for trips to garden centres and local markets

Bernie has become vital in reducing social isolation

With some grant funding we were also able to offer trips with a meal including our famous oxford mystery tour



# Bernie at Christmas

## Bernie at Christmas

- Again with help from the Community board we were able to take the Bernie Santa Float to four villages in the Waddesdon Area.
- We collected food to help with the 5000 Can Challenge and
- Cash donations totalled in excess of £1200 which will be used to fund some Bernie's Buddies trips to help with social isolation at this difficult time



# Our fleet in action





## Volunteer Drivers - Needed

- We need local people with local knowledge
- Happy to drive a big vehicle
- Physically fit
- Good Customer service skills
- Full Training available
- Drive as much or as little as you like
- Range of Shifts available

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Drivers needed for our wonderful fleet of vehicles based at our transport hubs in Waddesdon and Buckingham!

Choice of driving short or longer trips

Daytime, evening & weekend shifts available

Full training and driver induction available

Driver expenses paid (subject to trip)

Just a car license needed

Drive as much or as little as you like

Meet new people, see new places!

Help communities stay connected!

Contact Ashley for more information

 07977401548  @bernwodebus

# The Future - What do we need? - Buckingham

- Help to publicise the service and what is available
  - Groups, organisations and businesses
  - Individuals
  - Stakeholders
- Social Media help
- Newsletters
- Driver and volunteer recruitment
- Launch of Buckingham Bernie's Buddies
- Official LAUNCH DATE for BUCKINGHAM will be the Pancake day race on Friday 17th
  - Bart and Bernadette will be in attendance
  - Discuss your needs and requirements



# The Future - What do we need? - Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board

- Help to publicise the service and what is available
  - Individuals
  - Groups
- Food Bank Appeal
  - Increase the network with more boxes in more areas
  - Help with comms to increase the donations
- Driver and volunteer recruitment
  - To cover the increase in vehicles and trips
- Launch of Additional Bernie's Buddies Group
  - Capacity for additional groups as required



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# Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

We're here to help communities thrive

**Haddenham & Waddesdon  
Community Fridge**

Together we can reduce food waste and offer a Helping Hand to our local community.



**Health & Wellbeing Fayre**

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- Helping Hands budgeting/debt
- One Recovery Bucks Bucks Family Information



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11 Buckinghamshire Councillors  
33, 000 residents  
Small grants to help create new projects that benefit the local community

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**Highlights from  
2022-23**

**Funded 27 community  
projects to a value of  
£120,000**

**Library of Things  
store now ready –  
just needs  
volunteers!**

**1st EV car Club  
launched in  
Haddenham**

**Oakley  
Community Shop  
opens in the  
Spring!**

**Refurbished  
playgrounds in Brill,  
Chearsley, Cuddington  
and Grendon  
Underwood!**

**Launched 3 Health and  
Wellbeing Events:  
Haddenham, Berryfields  
and Waddesdon**

**Community fridges and  
larders created in  
Grendon Underwood and  
Waddesdon**



# Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon



**Tuesday 25 October**  
**2pm - 5pm**  
**at Haddenham Village Hall**  
 Banks Park, Banks Road, Haddenham HP17 8EE

Drop in for FREE advice and information on a range of topics from providers such as NHS Health Checks, Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire and Rescue, Trading Standards, Helping Hands debt and finance advice, Adult Learning, Family Information Service, Road Safety and much more. Try out a new hobby like hand bell ringing or the Ukulele!

Refreshments provided



Haddenham provided a lively and entertaining addition to the health and wellbeing event. Pictured left to right were the Haddenham Ukulele Musos and the Long Crendon Morris Dancers [Morris Dancing – Crendon Morris | Long Crendon Village \(long-crendon.com\)](http://Morris Dancing – Crendon Morris | Long Crendon Village (long-crendon.com))

The Over 65's Christmas Lunch was well attended on 6th December at Waddesdon Hall. The event was funded by The Rothschild Foundation & supported by Waddesdon Parish Council, Bernie the Bus, DJ Dan Blaze and pupils from Waddesdon Primary and Secondary schools who provided musical entertainment and helped with service.





## Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

Below – **Cuddington  
Playground** with some eager  
customers showing their  
approval of the new facilities  
(courtesy of Lorraine Stevens,  
Parish Councillor)



**The Brill Playground Committee** was formed in June 2020 at the request of Brill Parish Council. The Committee, made up of parents and a grandparent living in Brill, was charged with managing a project to replace Brill's two playgrounds, both adjacent to the village playing fields. In the end, the Committee had to raise just over £146,000.



### Quinton Defibrillator

The cabinet was funded by the board and has now been installed so the defibrillator is available 24/7



**Community of Kingswood** have at last village gates and a name plate!

Red surfacing and vehicle activated sign are on their way!



**Haddenham's EV Car Club** is launched. In the photo from left to right are members of 3B car hire company who run the scheme, Councillor Sue Lewin, Phoebe Rison from Buckinghamshire Council Climate Change Team, Elaine Hassall and Alan Thawley from Zero Carbon Haddenham and Parish Councillor.







# Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon



**COMMUNITY STORE**  
Open each Thursday morning from 10.30am  
For anyone in financial crisis  
For just £5 donation you can choose 25 items of food including fresh meat and vegetables or household items from our current stock.  
At Roman Park, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, HP18 0YT  
For further information on how to become a member of this scheme please contact [help@romanparktrust.org.uk](mailto:help@romanparktrust.org.uk)

## Roman Park Community Trust Community Store on Berryfields.

Volunteers Fizz Brooks and Kelly-Marie Howse - left - were on hand helping local residents to stock up on vital supplies



If you would like to set up a community fridge or larder in your community, please speak to Elaine as we can help you set up the scheme and promote it using our CB Branded posters.



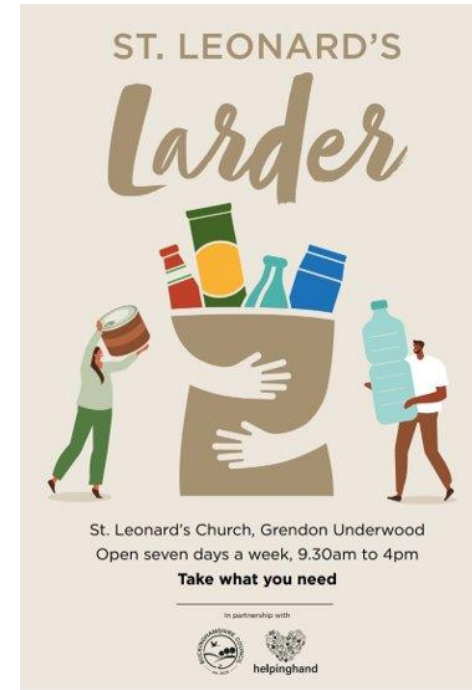
**Haddenham & Waddesdon  
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helpinghand

## Waddesdon Hall launched its community fridge project on 16th January 2023

Residents can donate surplus items and take what they need.




**Waddesdon Hall  
Community Fridge**  
Everyone welcome, please help yourself  
Together we can reduce food waste and offer a Helping Hand to our local community  
**Where:** Waddesdon Hall  
**When:** Monday and Tuesday | 10am - 12 noon  
Tuesday and Sunday | 5pm - 7pm  
*Everybody needs a helpinghand from time to time*  
DONATIONS WELCOME

**ST. LEONARD'S  
Larder**  
St. Leonard's Church, Grendon Underwood  
Open seven days a week, 9.30am to 4pm  
**Take what you need**  
In partnership with  
helpinghand



## Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

### Oakley Community Store

Work is cracking on now with the build for the shop. The containers that will form the building were delivered, lifted into place and joined together which is something of a landmark moment with a view to hopefully opening at Easter.



Pictures opposite are of the building the Community Board grants have both helped fund and which now needs to be timber clad and fitted out.

Where Team members are stood will be a largish patio/terrace area for the coffee shop element of the project which overlooks the fields.

### Quinton Wassail

The Wassail in Quinton Community Heritage Orchard took place on Saturday 14 January. Thank you for the support from the Community Board. We can't wait until Spring to see the trees blossom and the meadow start to flower.



**WASSAIL**  
The Community Heritage Orchard and Wildflower meadow  
Saturday 14th January 2023  
Starting at 3.45pm

This is the second Quinton Wassail and we are delighted that the **Owswick Morris Dancers** are willing to visit again to dance and sing Wassailing songs.

Please walk along the path on Lee Road so as to leave car parking for those who might find it difficult to walk from the village.

What you will need:

- Boots, lantern or torch, a decorated hat to wave, a cup to drink from
- Something to make a noise if you wish, small drum, pot and spoon
- More information will be sent to those who are attending

There are toilet facilities at the football pavilion - ramp if needed.

The **Owswick Morris Dancers** will dance on the flat part of the car park then lead us in a procession down to the orchard.

Please let Michelle or Claire know if you are coming along to join in this slightly strange traditional ceremony to bless the orchard. We need to know for catering purposes, mulled cider/apple and biscuits.

**Donations towards the orchard's maintenance will be taken on the day.**

Claire 655552 or by email Michelle - walking, running or cycling round the village



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The Library of Things - 44 ' shipping container based at the Quainton Railway Centre now has now been transformed with electrics, flooring and racking and a logo. Next stage is to start to equip it with items for loan.

Now

3 months ago



6 months ago





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Up and coming events

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- |                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Helping Hands         | One Recovery Bucks                 |
| budgeting/debt advice | Bucks Family Information Service   |
| NHS Health Checks     | Berrycroft Community Health Centre |
| Thames Valley Police  | Community Safety                   |
| Road Safety           |                                    |
| Sport in Mind         |                                    |

Free refreshments



Tailored to the local community and involving local groups

Next stop: Waddesdon in June!





## Funding Summary

2022-23 Budget allocation	Allocated (CB current spend at 14th Feb 2023)	Contributory Funding	Total Finance Community Value	Amount of contributory funding secured for every £1 of CB investment
£138,639.00	£120,186 with the remainder allocated to projects in the pipeline	£140,945.13	£263,302.33	£1.15
4th largest budget				7th highest return per£1 invested



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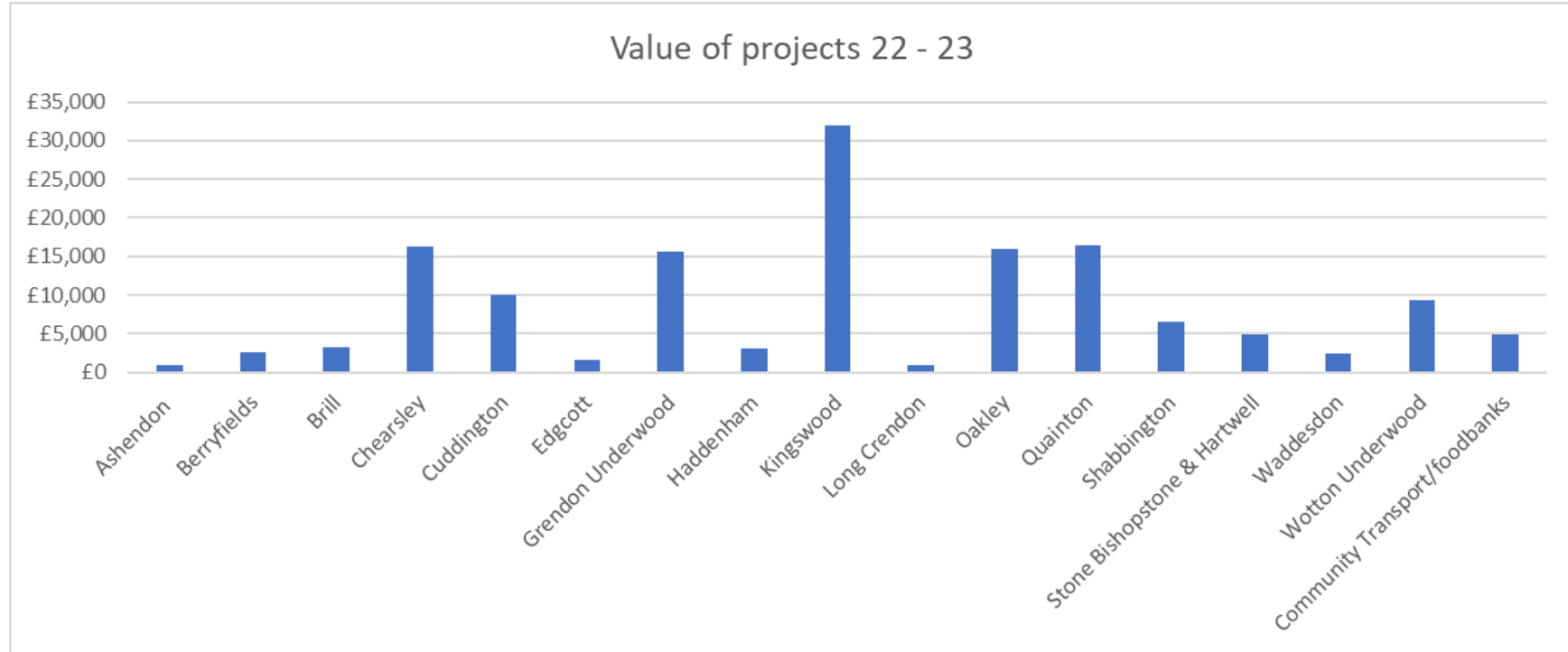
**Projects supported  
since April 2022**

Scheme name	Amount agreed
Ashendon Village marquee	£1000
Waddesdon 12 days of fun and fundraising	£3,923.25
Berryfields Queen's Platinum Jubilee & Lighting of the Beacon Event	£1,417.00
Berryfields Summer Holidays Child Entertainment programme	£1000
Chearsley Playground refurbishment	£15,000.00
Cuddington Community Playground	£10,000.00
Grendon Underwood play area	£13,000.00
Haddenham Community Cafe	£1000
Haddenham EV Charging points	£2,000.00
Oakley Afternoon Club	£1000
Oakley Community Café and store	£15,000.00
Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quainton - café and play area	£15,000.00
Inflatable planetarium for schools	£2,120.00
Wotton Underwood Traffic Calming	£9428.51
Quainton Community Heritage Orchard & Wildlife project	£987.28
CB SID/MVAS project	£25,225
Berryfields Roman Park Food Hampers	£250

Scheme name	Amount agreed
Long Crendon Board Games Club	£995.17
Waddesdon Hall Warm Coffee Project	£500
Waddesdon Cricket Club Practice Cage	£999.99
Springhill Residents Association – covered social area	£1000
Quainton Memorial Hall Defibrillator cabinet	£510
Bernwood Community Bus 5,000 Can Challenge and Bernies Xmas Sleigh	£981
Waddesdon Wednesday Club exercise sessions	£1000
Waddesdon 1st Brownies – Storage shed and camping tent	£800
Bucks Mind Winter Resilience Project at Berrycroft Surgery, Berryfields	£990

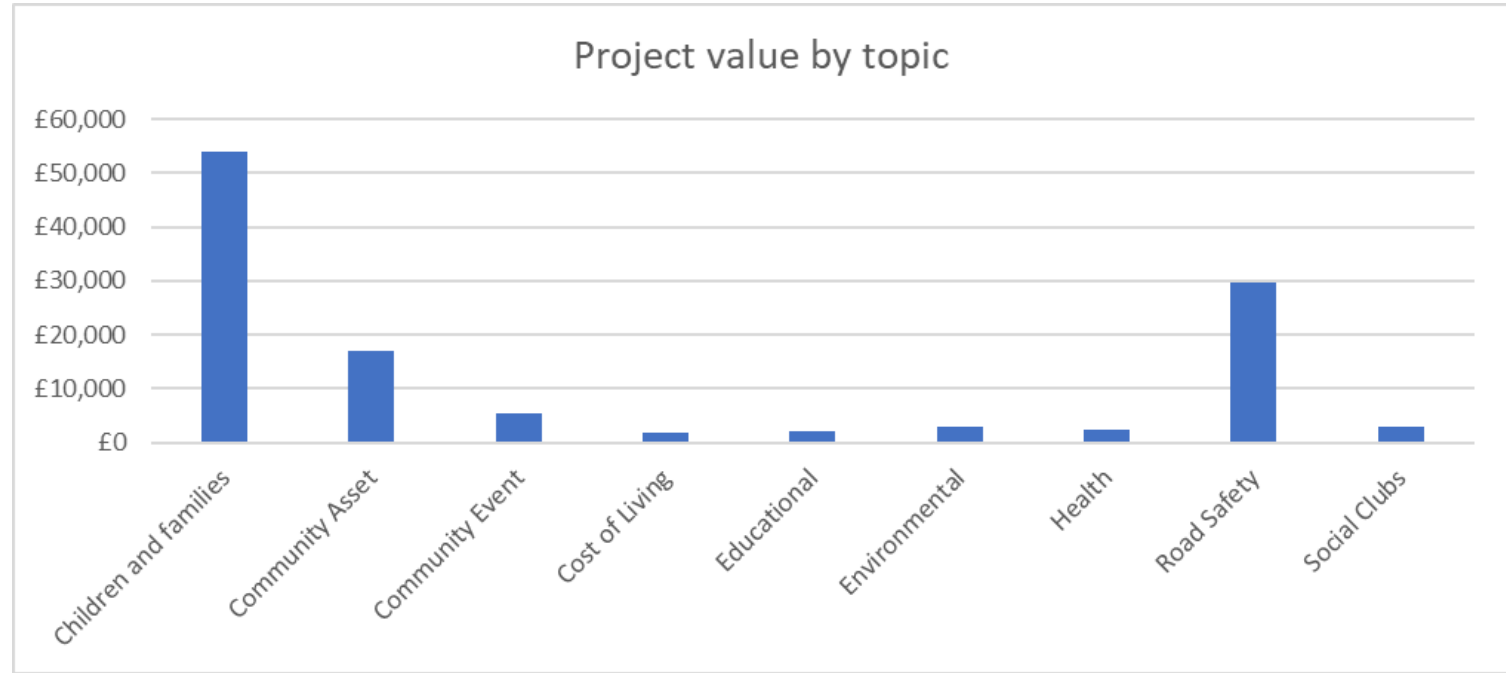


Value and location  
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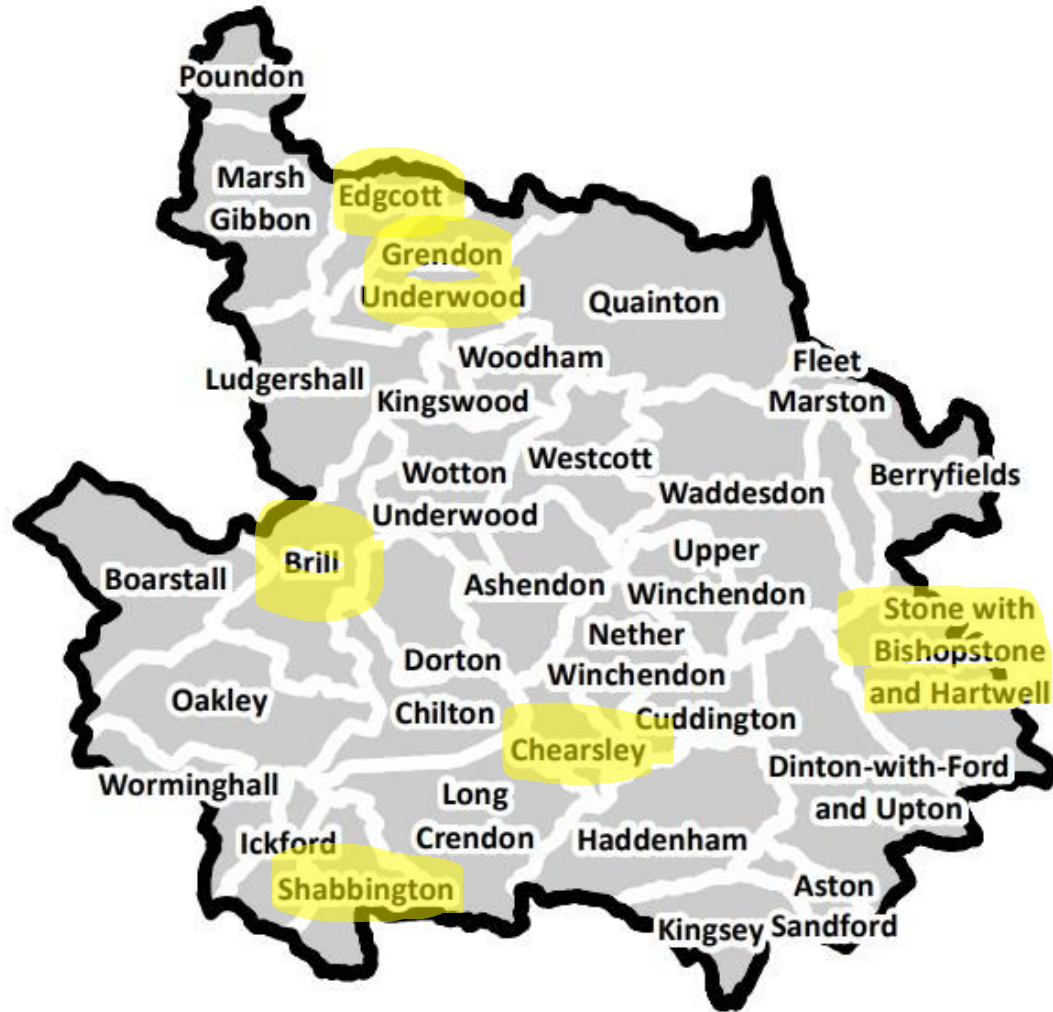
Project by topic  
22-23







# Mobile Speed Indicator Device project



Brill x 2
Chearsley x1
Edgcott x 1
Grendon Underwood x 1 2 from HS2 Road Safety Fund
Shabbington x2
Stone with Bishopstone x 3



# Thank you!

Next meeting date : Thursday 8th June 2023

Save the date: Waddesdon Health & Wellbeing Event plus  
Proud of Bucks presentations Wednesday 7th June 2023

Keep in touch via:

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



## Cost of Living Programme – Community Board Update February

As a Council, we recognise the growing pressures being faced by our residents linked to the increases in the cost of living.

Buckinghamshire Council has made further provision to assist residents who are in need, which is especially important during the winter months, developed through close partnership working, particularly with the voluntary and community sector.

We are continuing to develop our offer of support to residents, which is summarised below, and further information and updates will be published on our website.

- **Help with the cost of living council homepage** – Our updated website ensures people can access information about the range of support available, including: support with food, fuel and household bills, finding a place to keep warm, obtaining essential household items, support available from Government, support for pensioners and how to contact the Helping Hand team: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- **Helping Hand** - Our Helping Hand service provides support to local individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship. The team can be contacted on 01296 531 151 or through the [online contact form](#). You can read more about the help available on the [dedicated section of our website](#).
- **Food and hot meals schemes** – There are many food schemes available in Buckinghamshire. Further information is available in the cost of living section of the Council website. [Help buying or accessing food | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

We have also partnered with local organisations to launch the Food Champions Network, whereby residents volunteer to collect food on behalf of their local food banks and deliver it to the food banks. [Become a Food Champion and help your local community | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

If a community organisation wishes to set up a hot meals scheme, a toolkit with guidance on how to do this will also be available in the cost of living section of the Council's website [Toolkit: hot meal provision for groups | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

- **Social media campaign** – We are providing a range of cost of living and energy efficiency related content and links for residents through our social media outlets – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Printed materials are also available in libraries and other welcoming spaces.
- **Partnership with Heart of Bucks for the crisis appeal** – For those who are in a position to help financially during this crisis, we have partnered with Heart of Bucks to raise funds for those in need. Residents are able to donate money via the Heart of Bucks Crisis Appeal webpage. [TotalGiving™ - Crisis Appeal for Buckinghamshire - Heart of Bucks - Fundraising Page](#)
- **Welcoming Spaces** - Starting with council and community libraries, these locations will provide a warm, welcoming and supportive space for anyone who needs it. These are places where residents can come into safe and inclusive spaces, free of charge, to stay warm and enjoy a little company. Use of facilities, including free wifi, will also be available in these places along with information and support. [Find a place to keep warm \(Welcoming Spaces\) | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Welcoming Spaces have started extending to some private and community venues. Information about these will be accessible through the Bucks Online Directory and [Find a Warm Welcome Space Today](#).

If a community venue wishes to set up as a welcoming space, a toolkit with guidance is also provided in the cost of living section of the Council's website .

- **Wycombe Wanderers Warm Hub** - Operating every Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm-8pm until 28th February, the Warm Hub is accessible to anyone aged over 65 and attendees can be accompanied by 1 guest (pre-booking is required to detail any access or dietary requirements). 4 family days, open to the entire community, will also be communicated in due course. More details are available at [Warm Hub - Wycombe Wanderers \(wwfc.com\)](#)
  
- **Warm Boxes** – We have launched a warm box offer for residents that will enable them to collect free essential items to help with keeping warm from selected welcoming spaces. Items available include things such as blankets, hot water bottles, thermomugs and thermal socks. The offer is currently available from our 9 county libraries plus the locations below:
  - Wycombe Wanderers Warm Hub  
*Over 65's (with a +1) Every Tues/ Thurs in Jan / Feb 2023 between 5-8 pm*
  
  - Wycombe Museum – Priory Avenue High Wycombe  
*10am-5pm Tues – Fri & Sunday (closed Saturday)*
  
  - St Vincent De Paul Society  
*Open Wednesday, in Upper room, after mass 9:30am. Hot drinks, biscuits. Listed under <https://www.warmwelcome.uk>*
  
  - Christ The Servant King – Booker  
*9am-11.30am. Tuesday morning sessions are especially arranged for carers/parents and toddlers, 9am-12pm- Wednesday Community Cafe. New4You- 10th Feb and 10th March. 0-5 year old clothing, warm drink and cake all free, 10-11.30am*
  
  - All Saints Church - High Wycombe  
*Mustard Seed cafe, Mon 10-2, Tues 10-1, Wed 10-12, Th 10.30-1, Fri 10-12.30, Sat 10.30-12.30*
  
  - Hills Café – Micklefield  
*Mon- sat 9.15-1.30pm*
  
  - St Andrews Church – Totteridge  
*Every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am. Renew space- chat and a cup of tea and bring a hobby - parking, free WIFI, hot drinks, accessible toilets*
  
  - St Peter's Church – Coventon Rd Aylesbury  
*Thursday morning Community Cafe and Warming space soup lunch 10:00am - 1:00pm, Foodbank also present each week and Helping Hand member attends once a month*

- Southcourt Baptist Church – Penn Rd Aylesbury
- Aylesbury Vineyard- Gatehouse Close Aylesbury  
*Foodbank, Job Club and drop in on Tuesday morning*

Residents can ask a member of staff who will be able to help.

If you know of any community projects that may wish to purchase some warm boxes then please raise this with the Community Board manager.

For more bespoke help with essential items to keep warm, residents may contact the Helping Hand team.

- **Library Fines Amnesty Jan & Feb** – There will be a fines amnesty in all [Bucks Libraries](#) during January and February. Residents can just drop into one of the libraries during this time and ask a team member to have all historic fines on their accounts cleared. Any fines on items returned late during these months will also be waived.
- **Better Housing Better Health** - Better Housing, Better Health (previously called the Affordable Warmth Helpline) helps Buckinghamshire residents keep warm and well at home and improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

For self-referrals residents may visit the [Better Housing, Better Health website](#) or call [0800 107 0044](#).

We also offer guidance for [saving energy and tackling climate change at home and in other buildings](#).

- **Get around for £2 on the bus scheme** - From 1st January to 31st March a single bus journey within the Arriva bus zone will cost no more than £2. This includes Buckinghamshire and cross-county routes with some exclusions. More details are available at: [Get around for £2 | Help for Households | Arriva Bus UK](#), where residents may check if their local bus route is included in the scheme.
- **Pay council tax over 12 months instead of 10** – Residents now have the option of paying council tax evenly across the year instead of 10 months with a two month break in February and March. This should spread out the cost of an annual Council Tax bill into 12 smaller, monthly payments. More details and the request form are available at: [Different ways you can pay your Council Tax bill | Buckinghamshire Council](#)
- **Resident Support Leaflet** – A printed Resident Support Leaflet summarising available cost of living support will soon be available in libraries and from partner organisations such as Citizens Advice Bucks and food banks. These will also be distributed directly to vulnerable residents by partner organisations.

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# Local Heritage Listing

- Using government funding, the council has developed a Local Heritage List to protect some of the most important heritage sites in the county that contribute to the local character of Buckinghamshire.
- The Local Heritage List identifies locally significant heritage sites and celebrates their contribution to local identity and character.
- Sites were nominated by local communities and council staff and evaluated by the council's heritage team with volunteers also working on the project.

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Assets on the Local Heritage List will be recognised and considered in any future planning applications, helping to protect local heritage assets for future generations to enjoy.

- There have been more than 2,653 nominations for inclusion on the list and 771 of these sites are now being brought forward for adoption in Phase 1, with the rest being assessed for Phase 2.
- To view a list of nominated sites, please visit the [Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List website](#).

# On street residential chargepoint scheme funding for EV charge locations

- After successfully securing £407k from the [Office for Zero Emission Vehicles](#) via their [On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme](#) , the council will now be installing 128 new EV parking bays in 16 of its car parks across the county – with work being completed by April 2023.
- We are now looking for other opportunities to broaden the public charging network in local town and village community car parks in Buckinghamshire.
- Our aim is to submit a combined bid to the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme in March 2023, to provide the funding for this initiative. We will work alongside town and parish councils to assess what type of chargepoint might be suitable for each site, calculate the cost of installation and the power connection costs, and liaise with EV chargepoint suppliers on behalf of town and parish councils. We can also help to procure and manage the installation.
- Find out more about [Buckinghamshire Council's 5-year Action Plan](#) to support the transition of the county to EVs.



# Local Plan update

- Over 700 sites have been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire. Our previous calls for brownfield sites resulted in 300 sites being suggested. An interactive map showing these has now been published. [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](#)
- Officers have now started the process of evaluating each of the sites against the criteria of suitability for their chosen use, availability and deliverability over the plan period to 2040.

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

# Visitor Economy survey

- Buckinghamshire Council has launched a new Tourism Survey which will help to shape the future of Buckinghamshire's visitor economy sector. The council is inviting input from residents, businesses and key stakeholders which it will use to help identify new opportunities and to support the future growth of the visitor economy across Buckinghamshire.
- The survey will be an important contributor to a Visitor Economy Strategy currently being developed by Buckinghamshire Council and its partners. The strategy itself will aim to identify how Buckinghamshire can build on the opportunities within its visitor economy with a view to supporting businesses and creating jobs.
- Buckinghamshire residents, business owners and other tourism stakeholders can complete the survey [here](#).



# Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

## Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Report

14th September 2023

Author: Elaine Hassall, Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board  
Manager

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## Introduction

Welcome to our September 2023 Community Board meeting update.

At our Proud of Bucks awards and Building a Community Vision meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June at Waddesdon Community Centre, we handed round a short survey asking people to revisit our current priorities and let us know if these should still be relevant. From responses received at that event and at events attended elsewhere (such as the Platinum Jubilee cycleway launch and a community safety event held at Hartwell Nurseries), the result was to keep with our existing broad priorities of:

### **Health and Wellbeing, The Environment and Road Safety.**

With Health and Wellbeing, it was commented that we should incorporate cost of living. It was felt that the Environment should encompass ideas around cost savings as well as environmental impact and benefits and that Road Safety should look at active travel as well road safety concerns.

Our emphasis this year has been around collaboration and working with communities and partners to identify needs that align with our CB priorities and working together to achieve them. By close working with partners internally and externally, we can also signpost communities to solutions already out there rather than reinventing the wheel!

Here's just some examples of interactions that the Community Board Manager has had:

Road safety: Meeting up with the local Member and representatives from Worminghall Parish Council to consider how to enhance verge entrances to the village to alert drivers that they were entering a village. Rather than resort to costly and evasive hard landscaping which can spoil the very nature of what the intervention is intended to safeguard, low-cost solutions like adding seasonal interest like wildflowers and bulbs can make drivers slow down and realise they are entering a residential area.

Health & Wellbeing and cost of living: Chatting to residents of the Quainton Alms Houses about life in one of these historical dwellings meant they were able to refer the Winwood Almshouses Trust to the Council's Energy Doctor scheme. Now retrofit insulation measures will enable those tenants to enjoy much warmer homes this winter.

The Environment: Our Proud of Bucks awards and in person events provided opportunities for Zero Carbon Haddenham and the Quainton Wildlife and Heritage Orchard to promote their projects to the wider Community Board and encourage others to follow suit.

## Parish Workshops

In response to our parishes requesting a dedicated workshop where they could discuss day to day topics of common interest, we put together Parish Workshops. Due to the size of the Community Board, we split the Board into two groups, aligning parishes with their neighbours as best as possible. We then invited the Parishes to put forward 3 topics of interest. We received the following topics and hope to provide an update at our Community Board meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September:

- Grass Cutting protocol: to adopt whether to go wild or keep tidy.
- Discussion around the role of parishes and how we need more residents to get involved in parish life.
- Speeding – any new ideas to reduce speeding traffic in our villages.
- How we can help support rural GP surgeries.
- Warm hubs – feedback on those that have taken place.

## **Update on our Action Groups**

Our action groups have taken a break during the summer, and we hope to reconvene in the autumn. We acknowledge that people live busy lives, but we would like to see if relevant groups might like to host these meetings either in person or via MS teams to showcase projects and pass on their knowledge and lessons learnt. It would be great to identify a Community Board led project and create a task and finish group to progress it.

## **Project update**

### **Library of things**

The library had a slow start but is gathering momentum quickly with our dedicated Co-ordinator Katie-Louise Collier. We now have a Facebook page and website and items are arriving at the store based at Quanton Railway Centre. A new repair café will also be on site to support the Library of Things. We have also linked in with the repair cafes and recycle shops around the county as we envisage the library as being county-wide where hives or hubs can be created around Bucks to hold and/or repair items. Cages will soon be appearing at household waste sites where items can be donated which are on the Library's wish list. We are focussing on event kits which small local groups or PTA's can use as well as home DIY tools.

The aim is that this will be a resource accessible to anyone in Bucks linking up all the repair cafes and recycle shops and where we can promote craft workshops and open days. The opportunities are endless.

### **Haddenham Community Shop**

Cllr Greg Smith provided the following update:

The Community Board Grant awarded in January 2023 allowed the Haddenham Community the opportunity to develop a community ownership scheme for the much-loved local greengrocer, 'Blooming Fruity'. The Community Board is aware that when the current owner decided to sell, the Community expressed a strong interest in maintaining the shop as a community owned business if a private enterprise did not come forward.

A broad-based team of residents came together to work on the project. Additional funding has been secured from the Haddenham Beer Festival Committee and considerable progress has been made over the last seven months.

The community Board grant funded membership of The Plunket Foundation, who provide professional advice and support to community ownership schemes. This support has been invaluable. A Community Benefit Society (CBS) was registered, a type of cooperative society regulated by the FCA. Some considerable time, professional expertise and legal advice was secured to ensure that a reasonable valuation of the business was established. This provided assurance for the business going forward.

The CBS conducted a few surveys of the community to gauge the real level of support. This included Radio interviews (which credited the CB) and house to house delivery of over 2000 leaflets, also crediting the Community Board. In addition, a number of community engagement events were run to raise awareness of the project and promote the CBS.

This activity enabled the business, formally known as Haddenham Community Enterprise Ltd(HCEL), to Launch a share offer on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The offer closed in August 2023 having raised around £120 000. An offer has been made for the shop and has been accepted. Solicitors are engaged in the transfer of ownership which is planned for 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Currently an advert is out for a full time (job share) manager and the shop will maintain two current part time staff members with the intention to recruit volunteers to help develop the shop further.

HCEL will arrange a launch gathering/ party around the transfer of ownership and will send an invitation to the Community Board. The real work starts at the end of September!

The following projects have been supported by the Community board so far this year:

Waddesdon and Westcott WIFI	St Michael and all Angels	Church	community grant	Health & wellbeing	Community asset
Ukrainian workshops	Stephen Spender charity	VCS	Community budget	health & wellbeing	Cultural enrichment

Worminghall Village Hall toilet block refurbishment	Worminghall Village Hall	parish	Community budget	health & wellbeing	Community asset
Brill Training Aids for Defibrillator	Brill PC	Parish	small grants	Health & wellbeing	Health
Quainton Pub	Community Action Group	VCS	community grant	Health & wellbeing	Community asset

If you have identified a need in your community which relates to one of our priorities, please email us at [hadwadcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hadwadcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) in the first instance. Elaine, our Community Board Manager, will arrange a meeting to discuss your proposal and suggest ways in which we may be able to help or link you in with resources and expertise.

One project we would love to set up in our Community Board area is a [Grow it, Cook it, Eat it project](#) – a community food growing and cooking project. We have resources and expertise on hand to help.

## Communication

With a CB as large and diverse as ours, communication is always a challenge but as a reminder, we have the following communication points:

- Dedicated webpage [Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board | Buckinghamshire Council](#).
- Our bi-monthly newsletters are on our webpage and the latest newsletter for July-August is [here](#).
- Our Facebook page has over 600 followers and the link is [here](#).
- BC Councillors receive a monthly update on Community Board progress.

Please let us know what you are doing, events you are putting on and invite us along. We want to capture community life and promote all the positive things that make up our Community Board area.

We can also bring a CB stand to community events and showcase some of the projects we've helped deliver as well as promote project ideas that are easy to get off the ground and help to enhance community life.





September 2023 Update from BC for CBs

## **Share your views and help us keep Buckinghamshire safe**

The Safer Buckinghamshire Board is a local Community Safety Partnership that brings together experts from the police, fire service, probation, health and social care services. The board develops an annual action plan to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in Buckinghamshire and help keep it a safe place to live and work.

To help develop this plan, we want to hear from local residents to understand:

- the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour in their local area
- their experience of reporting crimes
- how safe or unsafe they feel in Buckinghamshire

[The survey](#) is open to anyone living, working and/or studying in Buckinghamshire and will be open from 11 September until 29 October.

The results of the survey will be combined with an analysis of all crimes that happen in the county to help develop partnership activities for the following year.

Residents can complete the survey on [Your Voice Bucks](#) and enter into our prize draw to win one of three £100 leisure vouchers\*.

A communications toolkit including newsletter copy, social media copy/graphics and a digital poster will be provided before the survey launches so you can share with your local communities.

\*Terms and Conditions apply

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## **Local Plan – progress and next steps**

The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (LP4B) provides a major opportunity to shape the growth of Buckinghamshire over the next 15 years and beyond. It will identify areas for new housing and employment, while also designating areas for protection and enhancement, such as our valued landscapes, natural habitats and heritage.

Earlier this year we carried out a public engagement survey on the draft vision and objectives for the LP4B. We received about 700 responses to the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Vision and Objectives which we are in the process of analysing and considering.

We have now published an [interactive map and basic details](#) of the 1,000 or so sites which were submitted in response to our two Calls for Brownfield Sites and our Wider Call for Sites. We are assessing these sites for their suitability, availability and achievability

(including viability) to accommodate development. This work will help us to shape the first Buckinghamshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).

Our next local plan public engagement work is likely to take place in early 2024, subject to Cabinet approval. This will be on possible high-level growth scenarios for the spatial distribution of new development to meet assessed levels of housing and employment need.

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## **PickMeUp expands to Flackwell Heath**

Wycombe's PickMeUp on-demand bus service, introduced by Buckinghamshire Council to reach residents not serviced by regular bus routes, has expanded to include Flackwell Heath. The expansion will help improve links from Flackwell Heath to Loudwater, Cressex, Booker and other parts of town.

Launched as a pilot in September 2022, it is funded by a three-year, central Government Rural Mobility Fund grant. It has proved popular, providing 1,500 rides per week and running Monday to Friday from 6am to 7pm.

Now after reviewing how the service is being used, and in response to requests from the local community, the council and operator Carousel Buses are pleased to extend the benefits of the service to many more potential passengers.

An additional vehicle will now operate at the morning and afternoon peak to keep up with demand. Fares reflect other local bus services and bus tickets such as Wycombe Smart Zone tickets and Concessionary Bus Passes are valid.

Bookings are made in advance via the PickMeUp High Wycombe app or by calling 01494 296021 to arrange a convenient nearby pickup point.

[www.pickmeupwycombe.co.uk](http://www.pickmeupwycombe.co.uk)

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## **Cost of Living update**

### **Community Food Chain Campaign**

The Helping Hand team has recently launched the Community Food Chain Campaign which aims to increase public food bank donations and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities available at local food support organisations. You can find out more here –

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/community-food-chain/>

If you would be interested in finding out how you can support this campaign please contact Hannah Tomlin, Food Lead Co-ordinator, Helping Hand Team –

[hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### **Helping Hand team/ MEAM referrals**

The Helping Hand team has identified a cohort of residents who are within Opportunity Bucks areas and have made a high number of applications for support from the team. With their agreement, these residents have been referred on to our Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Team who can offer intensive support to develop a better understanding of the challenges these residents are facing and help to connect them with additional services who can further support them.

### **Welcoming Spaces**

There are locations throughout the county, including Buckinghamshire libraries and community venues such as churches and halls, that have continued to offer a Welcoming Space to residents throughout the summer months.

Now that we are moving into autumn we are looking at ways in which Welcoming Spaces can again offer residents warm and friendly places to go and meet with others this coming winter. More information on resources and guidance for setting up a Welcoming Space will be available shortly.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact Laura Davies, Operations Manager, [laura.davies@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:laura.davies@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### **Energy Doctor**

Buckinghamshire Council has introduced a new Energy Doctor scheme as one of the initiatives funded by its allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Under the scheme, domestic resource efficiency officers are visiting qualifying homes to assess and advise on measures that can reduce energy consumption and costs.

The team also installs suitable low-cost measures in homes such as draught proofing, hot water cylinder insulation jackets, reflective radiator panels, secondary glazing film and LED lights.

To qualify for an Energy Doctor visit, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- They rent the property through a private rental agreement, or own and live in the property
- The household has an income of £30,000 or less (before tax), is in receipt of means-tested benefits such as Universal Credit and Council Tax Support, or a member of the household is disabled
- The domestic property has an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G, or does not legally require an EPC

To find out more about the Energy Doctor scheme, and to request a visit, go to the [council's website](#).

### **Revenues and Benefits**

Council tax collection remains on target despite obvious pressures in the community and as a result additional funding is being made available to the discretionary housing payment

fund to support residents who may have one-off difficulties preventing them paying their rent.

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## **Have your say on council spending**

Our budget consultation is now open and residents and organisations throughout Buckinghamshire are invited to take part.

As with councils across the country, our budgets are under immense pressure, particularly with more and more people needing social care. As a result, some difficult decisions will have to be made.

So it's essential that residents and organisations have their say on where their council tax is spent. The survey is at [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/money-matters-consultation](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/money-matters-consultation). We would also really appreciate your support in sharing this message with people and organisations throughout all our local communities.

The consultation closes at 11.59pm on Sunday 15 October.

### **Buckinghamshire Council consultations**

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