



Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 16 May 2024

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Haddenham Parish Council Conference Room, Banks Road, Haddenham.
HP17 8EE

BC Councillors:

A Waite (Chairman), N Brown, M Caffrey, P Gomm, P Irwin (Vice-Chairman), 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 Council, Berryfields Parish Council, Boarstall Parish Council, Brill Parish Council, Chearsley Parish Council, Chilton Parish Council, Cuddington Parish Council, Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council, Dorton Parish Council, Edgcott Parish Council, Fleet Marston Parish Council, Grendon Underwood Parish Council, Haddenham Parish Council, Ickford Parish Council, Kingsey Parish Council, Kingswood Parish Council, Long Crendon Parish Council, Nether Winchendon Parish Council, Ludgershall Parish Council, Marsh Gibbon Parish Council, Oakley Parish Council, Poundon Parish Council, Quainton Parish Council, Shabbington Parish Council, Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council, Upper Winchendon Parish Council, Waddesdon Parish Council, Westcott Parish Council, Woodham Parish Council. Worminghall Parish Council, Wotton Underwood Parish Council

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

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6	Haddenham and Long Crendon Board Games Clubs Marc Frost	19:05	
7	Community Assets and Ownership and Chairman's update on projects Cllr Ashley Waite, Chair	19:25	
8	Review of Community Board Priorities for 2024-25 and Community Board update Elaine Hassall, Community Board Manager	19:45	9 - 26
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10	Topics for future consideration Elaine Hassall, Community Board Manager	20:20	
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Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board held on Thursday 30 November 2023 in Waddesdon Community Centre, HP18 0LX (Frederick St, Waddesdon).

BC Councillors present

A Waite (Chairman), S Lewin, M Rand and G Smith

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

Aston Sandford Parish Council, Chearsley Parish Council, Edgcott Parish Council, Grendon Underwood Parish Council, Haddenham Parish Council, Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council and Waddesdon Parish Council

Others in attendance

E Hassall (Buckinghamshire Council), A Jenner (Buckinghamshire Council), C Bloxham and R Ichim (Resident of Berryfields)

Apologies

P Gomm, J Jordan, I Macpherson, Sue Pusey (Westcott Parish Council) and Alan Thawley (Haddenham Parish Council)

Agenda Item

- 1 Chairman's Welcome and Introduction to the Community Board.**
Cllr Ashley Waite welcomed everyone to the meeting. Elaine Hassell gave an overview of the meeting agenda and went through housekeeping.
- 2 Notes from the 14 September 2023 Meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2023 were approved as a correct record.
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 4 Workshop on Community Board Priorities**
Members were asked to review a Community Board priority each and explore ideas about how to drive them forward focusing on what is important to each parish.

Highlights

- **Road Safety**- focus on cycleways, improved buses, driving Community Speedwatch
- **Health & Wellbeing/Cost of Living**- focus on older people with specialist needs- concerns about pavements and risk of falls. Haddenham to Thame cycleway. Foodbank activity still taking place, Wednesday club in Haddenham- is there a need to do more of this type of activity? (including community transport). Cllr Ashley Waite highlighted that the Bernie Bus model can be expanded but volunteers are needed. Areas of poverty in board area- how to think about using greater resources to help people identify and get their homes insulated. Idea raised how streetlights could be run on solar power. Idea to do bike repair café.
- **Environment**- Community Orchard currently taking place in Waddesdon, Berryfields looking at reducing litter, prevention of graffiti (how to work with young people through workshops etc). Opportunity to ask young people what they would want.

Action: Elaine will collate the feedback and share with all.

Action: All who have highlighted road issues to report on Fix My Street- [FixMyStreet \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet).

Action: All to contact Cllr Ashley Waite if interested in getting involved in an environment and cost of living/energy roadshow. The Buckinghamshire Railway Centre has offered its space free of charge at the end of February 2024.

Action: Elaine to speak to youth team re Youth Ambassadors project.

5 Community Board Update

Elaine showcased some of the Community Board activity since the September meeting.

She attended the Haddenham Community Fair on Saturday 14th September to promote the Community Board, this event was well attended and was a good way for the local community to publicise what it offers to new and existing residents. One comment about starting up Walking Cricket for the over 60's is currently being explored with a delivery partner.

Haddenham Community Greengrocers launched in October. The shop has paid and volunteer staff and moving forward is looking to source more local produce.

Haddenham Parish Council hosted the Bucks Community Energy event in October. Cllr Sue Lewis felt this event was valuable. The Community Board environment and cost of living event will look to take the best practice from various similar events being held around the county.

Brill Village Common herd of cows won a Kings Award for voluntary service!

At the September board meeting, it was raised that more support was needed to understand the needs of older people. A Task and Finish group meeting took place to look for local ideas and Elaine has been visiting older people groups in Haddenham, Brill and Waddesdon to chat with members and find out their needs and how they are getting back to normality since Covid. A pilot project is currently being scoped.

Digital inclusion has been a big issue with older people groups – some are confident and have family members to support them and others find it a challenge when they cannot navigate services online. Elaine is looking at how the Community Board can support this. Cllr Ashley Waite highlighted that the Communities Select Committee are also looking into this.

Action: all board members to suggest existing groups that may wish to take up digital inclusion sessions.

Elaine highlighted projects that the board has financially supported (see page 15 of presentation)

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

Regina Ichim, Berryfields Resident, was asked to provide some comments on her first experience of attending her local parish council meeting.

Regina fed back that communication is important, and this can be challenging. The Parish Council (PC) are trying to promote themselves locally and reach out to all residents. Regina has a WhatsApp group with other members of her street and would like to expand this and then feedback comments to the parish council. She highlighted that a lot of Berryfields residents are new to the area and were not aware of the PC or what they were responsible for. She said Berryfields felt safe, but speeding traffic and lack of parking is an issue. The PC did investigate a welcome pack for new residents and are going to revisit how they promote what the responsibilities are of the PC and BC. She felt notice boards were useful as another means of knowing what was happening and currently there was only 1 notice board in the whole of Berryfields.

Berryfields is a young/new area. Berryfields PC have set up a speeding/parking/traffic group to look at problems and solutions. It enables residents to be heard and to share with residents what is realistic and achievable. Engagement has so far been positive.

Rural Business- Cllr Ashley Waite highlighted his passion to support rural business-shops, pubs, garages but anyone that is operating a service (perhaps from home). Cllr Ashley Waite asked the board for their views on supporting local businesses. There were around 82 businesses on Westcott Venture Park alone.

Jane Perks from Waddesdon highlighted a business hub idea that is being developed for Waddesdon where local businesses are asked how they feel they can be supported locally. She is happy to offer support to other board members on the setting up of one.

Michael Heybrook supported the idea and its importance. Buckinghamshire exports graduates to other areas but wondered how Westcott is or could attract local graduates to retain our young people locally.

Cllr Ashley Waite highlighted that this would fit in to the Bucks Business First strategy.

The following questions were submitted in advance.

1. Nick Morgan – clerk to Aston Sandford Parish Council raised that the PC has received a notification that a single track, no through road into the village would be closed for 2 days in November for roadworks resulting in residents and businesses not being able to use their cars. The intended roadworks did not take place and the PC and residents were not informed.

Elaine had obtained an initial response from the Streetworks Team that the works were cancelled, to be rescheduled owing to the amount of rainfall and that updates are provided on [One Network](#) which is the UK cloud-based map that all local authorities use to alert residents to roadworks, diversions and road closures. Nick felt this response was inadequate and that One. Network did not reflect the status of activity on the road.

Action: Elaine has gone back to the Highways Service for a further response. Cllr Michael supported the escalation of a response to this issue.

Nick also commented that Streetworks alerts do not have the location in the title, which would be useful for PCs to know if they are relevant or not before opening them.

Action: Elaine to feedback to Streetworks team.

Cllr Michael Rand fed back on the progress of the new Highways Contract and that following an injection of £5 the number of roadwork gangs had gone up from 5, 12 months ago to 12 gangs. Utility companies are permitted to close a road with an emergency application if they get the application in for a diversion within 2 hours of starting work. He however accepted that the online mapping side of things was still catching up with the amount of work taking place on the network.

2. Colin Bloxham from Thame Green living, asked about the state of maintenance of rural tarmacked footpaths between villages alongside roads. He felt many were overgrown and rutted and unusable for pedestrians, mobility scooters and bicycles and asked whether a tiny fraction of the roads' maintenance budget could be used to support walking, wheeling and cycling and whether an inventory of rural paths could lead to a monitored maintenance programme.

Elaine obtained the following response from the Highways Service prior to the meeting.

Tarmac in urban settings is inspected in line with our Highways Inspection Policy and we encourage any defects identified to be reported [on Fix My Street](#). We have no overall capital improvement programme for funding for improving the urban footway network and any resurfacing is carried out in line with Member decision on a four-year rolling programme that identifies the most required areas.

It was generally felt at the meeting that all the parishes present, had some issues with communication from the Highways service. They were advised that the service was reviewed by Councillors and asked if recommendations were implemented.

Cllr Ashley Waite advised that the challenge is that there isn't a budget for patching of footpaths. Defects are inspected and dealt with as part of a rolling programme. Cllr Ashley Waite was currently working with the Council at finding funding for the A418.

3. Cllr Greg Smith asked about Active Travel. His first question was regarding the Council's performance indicator for this, which he felt was inadequate. This question had been passed to the Strategic Transport Team to comment on.

Elaine responded by email prior to the meeting with what the Community Board was doing in this respect, which was:

- a. Launching a school road safety speed awareness poster competition in the Spring. Participating schools would be encouraged to work towards their school travel plan.
- b. Working with the Climate Change Team to provide idling monitors outside some of our schools. We are currently waiting for the results of this pilot.
- c. To hold an Environmental and Cost of living event in the Spring. A date of Thursday 29th February at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre had been booked. This would encompass active travel.

His second question was on progress with the Haddenham – Thame Greenway and asked when we could expect to have a decision on this.

The Transport Strategy Team is in the process of compiling data on which routes to take forward as part of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan. A public consultation would begin in Spring 2024.

7 Topics for Future Consideration

Not discussed due to time.

8 Date of Next Meeting

TBA



Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Report

16th May 2024

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Manager

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Introduction

Welcome to our May 2024 Community Board meeting update.

Since our November meeting, the following activities have taken place.

- **Health & Wellbeing:** We continue to work with older people groups to investigate addressing the disparity of digital confidence among this cohort.
- Working with Waddesdon Hall and the Helping Hand Service to look at how we can further support those that use the food larder and fridge, which utilises supermarket and donated food to eliminate waste and support those struggling.
- **Road safety:** Launched our road safety poster competition to schools.
- **The Environment:** Held our first Green Living event at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. We now have the promotional material and banners to hold these elsewhere in the CB area. Please let us know if you want to provide a venue.
- Held our **Parish Workshop** on 30th January at Chearsley Village Hall. We were asked to collate parish responses to the Government's biodiversity action plan requirements. We only received one action plan from Shabbington Parish Council, which they are happy to share, and which is attached. Our next meeting is hosted by Cuddington PC on 16th July at 6.30 pm.
- Contributed to the overall **Community Board annual report.**, which will be circulated in May.

We continue to respond to partner requests for information, resources and contacts. Just to give a flavour of some of the items:

- Sent out information about the Community payback scheme – to utilise those on community service, to help with a range of local projects.
- Sent out details of the Waddesdon Zone Freight strategy consultation – for responses.
- Kept partners updated with our bi-monthly newsletter.
- Signposted partners to Heart of Bucks and other funding streams relevant to their projects such as for LED lighting upgrades and to address rising core costs.
- Met with Councillors from Haddenham and Chilton to discuss project ideas.
- Advised on the work of the Natural Environment Partnership and provided information on how to start up a community allotment.
- Met with those who projects and services align with our priorities and helped them either to submit a funding application or provided ideas to promote their projects and services further.

Project update

Library of things

The Library is up and running and ready to receive hirings. There is now an extensive list of items to hire – both second hand and new. Please visit the website [I'd Like To Borrow – Reuse – Repair – Repair \(idliketoborrow.com\)](https://www.idliketoborrow.com) to hire, volunteer or donate items.

I'd Like a bike

We are looking for second hand adult and children's bikes which will be refurbished and passed on to care leavers, refugees and others, for who access to a bike will help them to travel to work, school or play. The Charity I'd like to Borrow is running the project, which links in with a repair cafe at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre.

Road Safety Poster Competition

From the entries received, we have judged around 5-6 to have met the criteria. Twenty-five posters are currently being printed to be displayed on lamp posts around our schools to remind drivers to keep within the speed limit. Posters from Stone CE School and Dinton Primary were the entries chosen. We are working with the Active Travel Team to award one of the schools, a voucher to contribute towards their Active Travel aims.

The following projects were supported during the 2023-24 financial year.

Project	Applicant	CB priority
Waddesdon and Westcott churches WIFI	St Michael and all Angels	Health & wellbeing
Ukrainian workshops – multiple schools	Stephen Spender charity	Health & wellbeing
Worminghall - Village Hall toilet block refurbishment	Worminghall Village Hall	Health & wellbeing
Brill - Training Aids for Defibrillator	Brill PC	Health & wellbeing
Quinton Pub	Community Action Group	Health & wellbeing
Secondary Schools Supergirl's STEM project – multiple schools	Aylesbury Youth For Christ	Health & wellbeing
Waddesdon - Horticultural Society Outreach tables	Waddesdon Horticultural Society	Health & wellbeing
Waddesdon - Cricket Club Intergenerational Pools and Games Club	Waddesdon Cricket Club	Health & wellbeing
Waddesdon – Dungeons and Dragons club	Waddesdon Church	Health & wellbeing
Haddenham – Board Games Club	Board Games Club	Health & Wellbeing
Waddesdon - Heritage Orchard	Waddesdon Parish Council	The Environment
School Road Safety Poster competition	CB project	Road Safety

Oakley – Youth Club	Oakley Parish Council	Health & wellbeing
Quainton - Green Living Event	I'd Like to Borrow	Health & wellbeing/Environment
I'd Like a bike project (refugees, care leavers and Helping Hand recipients.	I'd Like to Borrow	Health & wellbeing

If you have identified a need in your community which relates to one of our priorities, please email us at hadwadcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or contact Elaine, our Community Board Manager on 01296 383348, in the first instance to discuss your proposal. We will tell you if your project meets our priorities and suggest ways in which we may be able to help or link you in with other resources and expertise.

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 March-April is [here.](#)
- Our Facebook page has gone up to 680 followers – an increase of 35 since November and the link is [here.](#)
- BC Councillors receive a regular update on Community Board progress.

Review of Community Board Priorities

Throughout the year at various engagement opportunities, we canvas residents about our priorities and at our November main Community Board meeting, we provided a workshop and asked attendees to discuss and consider what their community needs were that were in line with our priorities of health and wellbeing, road safety and the environment. Please find attached results. We have updated this with what is currently available and suggested ways forward for others.

Achieving our priorities does not always necessitate funding and can be gained through collaboration with others and seeing what has worked well in other communities or Board areas and adopting a similar approach.

The Community Board is not a funder in the traditional sense but if we believe projects align with our priorities and would not be able to take place without our specific support, then we will consider supporting these financially. We can also help communities to source the most suitable funding or delivery partner and link them in with others who have experience on similar projects to gain knowledge and expertise.

At our 16th May meeting we wish to present our defined priorities for the coming year.

Our proposed 2024-25 priorities will promote the following:

Green and Clean – promoting our green spaces and keeping them clean.

Community support and belonging – supporting those in need and fostering community identity.

Enhancing where we live – what’s missing from our community that would improve it.

Buckinghamshire Council update

Please find attached the latest update.

Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) Pilot

A pilot of this service for Aylesbury has been extended into our CB area of Hartwell and Bishopstone. Please see attached briefing for more information.

Attachments:

Shabbington Parish Council Biodiversity Action Plan

Workshop results from 30th November 2023

Latest Buckinghamshire Council update – to follow

DRT Aylesbury update for Community Board – Feb 24

Shabbington Parish Council Biodiversity Action Plan 2024

(in partnership with PC Working Group, Shabbington Nature Network)

Site / Objective	Action	Outcome	Target (years)	Reporting/ Publicity
Raise awareness of local biodiversity in whole parish	<p>Organise educational talks, guided walks and workshops on a wide range of biodiversity-related subjects</p> <p><i>Past topics include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - local River Thame ecology - hedgehog behaviour/monitoring - small mammal trapping/identification - dawn chorus bird walk - bat detection walk <p>Run annual wildlife photo competition, with winners' photos incorporated into a calendar, which also features tips on improving habitats and biodiversity</p>	<p>Gain support from residents for local action to improve biodiversity</p> <p>Gain knowledge on existing species and monitoring techniques</p> <p>Residents spend time outside, observing and identifying wildlife, and gain useful information</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Social media, website, newsletter, Parish magazine, village noticeboard</p>
<p>Recreation ground (Millennium Field)</p> <p>(A 5-acre field, bordered by hedgerows and small trees. Mainly laid to grass, with wilder, overgrown perimeter borders)</p>	<p><i>Initiatives so far undertaken/begun:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - plant survey (2022) directed by local wildlife trust, BBOWT - native snowdrops and bluebells planted within small copse of trees - 300 native trees whips planted (supplied by The Woodland Trust) - wildflower and yellow rattle seeds (to reduce grass) scattered in borders - bug hotels and log piles built within the wide overgrown border areas - bird box building session (x2) - session making bird food balls <p><i>Ongoing/future initiatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue adding native wildflowers (bulbs/seeds/plugs), and trees - build a willow maze 	<p>Provide baseline of existing flora</p> <p>Improve environment for invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds, bats and other small mammals, by increasing the diversity of food sources and habitats</p> <p>Encourage public engagement by involving residents, particularly children, in all activities</p> <p>Promote increased diversity/density of plants, Provide additional wildlife habitat, and further engage village children</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Social media, website, newsletter, Parish magazine</p>
<p>Churchyard (St Mary Magdalene)</p> <p>(0.75 acres surrounded by hedgerows and predominantly laid to grass, with some trees)</p>	<p>Manage churchyard more effectively through recently formed partnership between SNN, the PCC of the church, and Friends of St Mary Magdalene</p> <p><i>Planned initiatives include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - survey existing flora - improve mowing regime - grass to be kept short around gravestones, but left longer around perimeter - add wildflowers (bulbs/seeds/plugs) - install bird boxes on suitable trees and possibly the belfry 	<p>Enhance biodiversity, whilst still providing the respectful care of the gravestone areas preferred by visitors</p> <p>Help to support local owl populations, and hopefully attract swifts to the area</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Social media, website, newsletter, Parish magazine</p>

<p>Other common areas</p> <p>Road verges</p> <p>Glebe land</p>	<p>Manage the verges with nature and biodiversity in mind, alongside the need for road safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - wherever possible, cut the grass less frequently and at more appropriate times - collect all cuttings to reduce soil fertility which helps natural colonisation of local wildflowers - plant additional wildflowers suitable for site (e.g. low-growing species where sight lines exist) <p>Organise regular litter picks</p> <p>Enhance a 3-acre parcel of uncultivated glebe land (<i>with permission of tenant and CofE</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tawny owl box recently purchased by SNN and installed by Bucks Owl & Raptor Group (BORG) - plans to add more wildflowers - possibly create a scrape adjacent to the river in conjunction with the River Thames Conservation Trust 	<p>Enrich the range of food sources and habitats for invertebrates, which, in turn, will help birds and small mammals</p> <p>Help natural spread of local wildflower species across village and beyond</p> <p>Provide a more visually appealing environment for the villagers</p> <p>Remove items dangerous to wildlife and people</p> <p>Help to support local owl populations</p> <p>Create a new specialised habitat for aquatic life, including plants, invertebrates, fish, amphibians and birds</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Social media, website</p>
<p>Gardens</p> <p>(around 200 in village)</p>	<p>Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife</p> <p>Hold open wildlife-friendly garden events</p> <p>Advise and help residents (<i>both practically and with donated items</i>) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - create hedgehog highways (<i>already underway, with holes cut in some residents' garden fences</i>) - build ponds, however small - grow pollinator-friendly plants - add log piles - include piles of stones - build bug hotels - build compost heaps - leave heaps of leaves and fallen fruit - install bird feeders, bird & bat boxes - reduce use of harmful chemicals - install water butts 	<p>Demonstrate good practice and inspire residents</p> <p>Help to support the dwindling population of local hedgehogs</p> <p>Support dragonflies, amphibians, bats etc.</p> <p>Provide food sources for bees, butterflies etc, and habitats for invertebrates</p> <p>Enhance biodiversity, more generally, including that of fungi and lichens</p> <p>Support local populations</p> <p>Preserve existing wildlife</p> <p>Conserve water</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Social media, website, newsletter, Parish magazine, village noticeboard</p>
<p>The Built Landscape</p>	<p>Ensure that planning consultations consider wildlife conservation, particularly with respect to existing great crested newt and bat colonies</p> <p>Include in the Neighbourhood Plan the requirement for new builds to install bird and bat boxes, and facilitate hedgehog highways</p>	<p>Protect existing species and enhance habitats</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Social media, website</p>

<p>Partnerships</p>	<p>River Thame Conservation Trust Part of a long-term project run by RTCT which involves monthly monitoring of water quality (including nitrates, phosphates, ammonia, pH, temperature, and turbidity) along our stretch of the River Thame</p> <p>Tring Anglers Work with members to improve their 6-acre field adjacent to the river</p> <p><i>To date:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Himalayan Balsam removed from riverbank - two black poplar trees planted <p>Local farmers/landowners Engage with and assist, where possible, with mutually beneficial initiatives</p> <p><i>To date:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - secured agreement for two owl boxes (SNN funded) to be installed in derelict barn of village-edge farm by members of BORG <p>Local parish councils and other environmental groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exchange ideas and share practical experiences <p>Youth involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mentor young people interested in nature conservation as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, - provide the opportunity for hands-on experience of technical tasks, such as river water testing 	<p>Obtain longitudinal data on the state of the River Thame to inform policy makers, Thames Water, farmers/landowners and the general public</p> <p>Start of long-term effort to remove this invasive non-native plant</p> <p>Part of wider programme to repopulate this once-common native species within Buckinghamshire</p> <p>Help to support local owl populations</p> <p>Increase knowledge base</p> <p>Inspire and nurture the interest shown by the younger generation in nature and the environment</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Social media, website, newsletter, Parish magazine</p>
<p>Eco-friendly initiatives</p>	<p>Raise awareness of the value in adopting eco-friendly behaviours</p> <p><i>To date:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - eco-café held in village, selling vegetable seedlings etc - presentation by local shopkeeper providing refills of many foodstuffs and essential household products - presentation by local organic vegetable grower 	<p>Help to reduce the use of chemicals and packaging deleterious to wildlife</p> <p>Promote sustainability</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Social media, website, newsletter, Parish magazine</p>

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Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board – Workshop on priorities – 30th November 2023 meeting.

Environment

Locality	Comment	What is currently available	Links
Berryfields	Clothes recycling area	Rennie Groves unit 5 Concorde Street, Esquires coffee shop,	Buckinghamshire Recycles Buckinghamshire Recycles (recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk)
	Issue with graffiti	<p>Bucks Council is responsible for removing graffiti from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • council property (bins, houses, buildings, bridges or monuments) • public areas (parks and cemeteries) <p>Parishes could also contact the Community payback Service and utilise those paying their debt through community service.</p>	<p>Report graffiti Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>CPNominations SouthCentral@justice.gov.uk</p>
	More community orchards	A new orchard has been established at Waddesdon Parish Council. The CB has previously supported orchards in Quainton and Dinton. Please contact the CB if you have identified communal land for this purpose and have the agreement of the owner.	
	Less litter	Litter Lotto/ Berryfields Wombles I'd Like to Borrow – rent out litter picking packs	
Berryfields. Waddesdon	Business sponsorship of streetlights. Solar powered street lamps	No plans for BC owned streetlights at present. Currently replacing with LED.	Buckinghamshire Council powers forward with energy-saving LED streetlights rollout Buckinghamshire Council

Health and wellbeing

Locality	Comment	What is currently available	Links
	Warmer homes, warm places	BC - Energy Doctor Scheme	Request a visit from an Energy Doctor Buckinghamshire Council
	Safeguarding Community buildings	Community Ownership fund Nominate assets of community value in your neighbourhood	Search for tools, tips and ideas - MyCommunity What are Assets of Community Value (ACV)? - MyCommunity
	Forming a market place for pre-loved bikes	I'd Like to Borrow	I'd Like To Borrow – Reuse – Repair – Repair (idliketoborrow.com)
	Holding public transport account for regular reliable transport to leisure & health centre.	BC – Healthy Ageing strategy Community Transport Hub	Healthy Ageing (healthandwellbeingbucks.org) Transport Hub - Community Impact Bucks
	Bikeability training extended and promoted	Not currently funded for Adults. Bikeability is offered to Bucks Schools	Bikeability for adults and teenagers - cycle training Cycle training Buckinghamshire Council
	Improved footpaths, esp between villages. Enabling seniors to confidently walk around. identifying and acting on pavement hazards	Bucks Council has a maintenance programme of footpath maintenance and all defects should be reported on Fix My Street.	FixMyStreet (buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
	Young people having independence to visit friends and activities by bike.	I'd Like a Bike project is offering second hand refurbished bikes to care leavers, refugees and those in receipt of financial insecurity payments.	I'd Like A Bike – I'd Like To Borrow (idliketoborrow.com)

	Health: exercise, diet , meeting people, youth facilities, early years	<p>The CB has supported board game projects in Haddenham and Long Crendon and is currently working with Waddesdon to create one there.</p> <p>Adult Learning will provide cookery courses if any communities can provide facilities. Other CBs have provided Grow it, Cook it, Eat it courses.</p> <p>The CB has supported exercise classes in Waddesdon, Community fridges/larders in Waddesdon and Grendon Underwood and youth activities in Waddesdon and Oakley.</p>	Grow It Cook It Eat It (healthandwellbeingbucks.org)

Road safety/active travel

Locality	Comment	What is currently available	Links to relevant policies/websites
Stone/Grendon Underwood/Edcott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding issues • Rumble strips on entrances to villages. • Make villages visible to enable road users to know. • Issues with HS2 not using Haul roads 		buckinghamshire-gov-uk.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/Buckinghamshire_Highways_Community_Board_Guidance.pdf High Speed Rail (HS2) Buckinghamshire Council Contact HS2 by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • freephone: 08081 434 434 • email : hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk
Haddenham, Worminghall	Speeding issues generally.	HS2 Road Safety Fund tranche 3 – open for applications from 1 May This will be the third and final tranche of the allocated funding. Focus will be on delivering	Further details and the on line application form will be available at: The HS2 Road Safety Fund Buckinghamshire Council

		<p>more, <u>smaller schemes, for example traffic calming measures involving road markings and signage.</u></p> <p><u>Priority will also be given to communities that have not yet received any RSF funding.</u></p>	
	Community speedwatch	<p>Currently only half of our parishes have joined the scheme. Equipment and training are provided free of charge</p>	<p>Community Speedwatch Online</p> <p>Local coordinator is Turnham, Lee (P3146) <lee.turnham@thamesvalley.police.uk></p>
Long Crendon to Thame and Haddenham to Thame	<p>Cycleways</p> <p>Active travel is good for physical mental and social health</p>	<p>Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan.</p>	

May 2024 Update from BC for Hadd & Wadd CB

HS2 Road Safety Fund: Notice of final tranche of funding

The final tranche of HS2 Road Safety Fund arrangements is now open for applications until Wed 31 July. Applications are invited from, or with the support of, parish councils in areas impacted by the construction of HS2.

Proposed schemes will be required to provide a long-term solution to address road safety concerns which have been created or made worse by the construction of HS2, and which will provide or contribute to a legacy of road safety.

This will be the third and final tranche of the allocated funding. Based on costs of schemes already delivered and projected costs for schemes which are currently being progressed, we anticipate having about £600,000 to allocate and, in order to benefit as many affected communities as possible, and being mindful of rising construction costs, focus will be on delivering more, smaller schemes, for example traffic calming measures involving road markings and signage.

Further information can be [viewed online](#) and any queries emailed to HS2roadsafetyfund@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Volunteering with Youth Justice and Support Team

At Buckinghamshire Youth Justice and Support Service (YJSS) the core aim is to help prevent children and young people aged between 10 and 18 years old entering or re-entering the criminal justice system.

To help them achieve their aims YJSS depends on and values local community volunteering support. Volunteering is a great way to support your local community and support personal development. You will be reimbursed for any travel expenses you accrue during volunteering sessions and will receive regular group supervision and training. There are a range of opportunities available:

- Appropriate Adult Volunteer
- Referral Order Volunteer
- Community Engagement Mentors
- Education volunteers

For more information and to apply, contact Sarah.Legood@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Housing strategy

Buckinghamshire Council has set out its vision, priorities and actions to meet the current and future housing needs and challenges in its first countywide Housing Strategy.

The strategy has been developed with the input and support of a wide range of partners, including housing associations, developers, community groups and other public sector organisations.

The vision is to ensure a strong housing offer for Buckinghamshire: to provide affordable, accessible, sustainable and suitable housing choices for all life stages. It focuses on three key priorities:

1. **Responding to the needs of our diverse population.**
2. **Better homes:** to improve the quality and sustainability of existing homes.
3. **New homes:** emphasising the importance of affordable, accessible, and appropriate new housing.

Each priority includes actions the council is taking now and proposed actions up to 2029. Visit the council's website to view the full [Housing Strategy](#) document.

News in brief

Bucks Online Directory

This is a really useful tool for sharing information locally and to [find activities, groups and services near you | Bucks Online Directory | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Household Support Fund extension

The Household Support Fund, provided by the Department for Work and Pensions and utilised through our Helping Hand service, has been extended until 30 September 2024. Our [Help with the cost of living \(Helping Hand\) | Buckinghamshire Council](#) webpage remains the place to go for further information.

Solar Together is back

Buckinghamshire residents can benefit from joining the second round of Solar Together, a solar panel group-buying scheme backed by the council. The [scheme](#) can offer savings of up to 30% on solar PV system, battery storage and electric vehicle charging infrastructure installations, compared to market prices for individual homeowners. Applications are open until 31 May.

Consultations

Visit [Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#) to view all current consultations.

**Update for Community Boards:
Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) pilot scheme – Aylesbury**

Demand Responsive Transport is a flexible type of bus service that allows users to book their journeys on demand as they require it, between any two points within the operational area. This is instead of a traditionally routed and scheduled bus service but provided at fares that are in line with them.

Buckinghamshire Council were successful in submitting a bid to the Department for Transport Rural Mobility Fund (RMF) in 2020. This provides part-funding for two DRT pilot schemes which will operate for 3 years in High Wycombe and in Aylesbury. The High Wycombe scheme, known as "[Pick Me Up](#)", launched in September 2022.

The Council has recently awarded a contract to [Wemove](#), for the Aylesbury scheme. Once operational the service will drop off passengers anywhere within the coverage area, which includes Stoke Mandeville Hospital, railway stations, employment areas and Aylesbury town centre. As required, the scheme coverage area was closely defined in the grant bid to the Department for Transport, and the grant funding was awarded on this basis. This means that the area covered is unlikely to be expanded during the pilot scheme period.

The DRT schemes are new services to Buckinghamshire that are unlike anything we have operated in the past and Buckinghamshire Council is one of 15 local authorities with funding from Government to trial them. The purpose of the pilot schemes is to assess and understand whether this sort of service can affordably and sustainably link communities which are off the regular bus network together. As well as hoping to establish a sustainable service for these pilot areas going forward, there are significant learning opportunities about what does and does not work in this sector, as is the experience of the other 14 local authorities who are each running a slightly different sort of scheme.

The new Aylesbury DRT service is planned to start in late spring 2024 and will benefit residents in villages around Aylesbury, including Aston Clinton, Weston Turville, Stoke Mandeville, Weedon, Hartwell and Bishopstone, by providing a convenient and affordable travel option to supplement existing public transport services.

Further information about the Aylesbury scheme will be publicised in the coming weeks as the new contract is mobilised. Officers from the Public Transport team would be very happy to attend a future Community Board meeting to provide information and promote the new scheme as it launches.

For more information about the DRT pilot schemes in High Wycombe or Aylesbury please contact: passtrans@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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