



**Aylesbury Community Board- 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **Agenda Item 11- Community News**

This document highlights some key community activities and updates for the Aylesbury Community Board area. Please click on the links below for more information.

Please note any questions you have related to this content, should be directed to the relevant contact detailed on the website/social media, and that events and dates may be subject to change.

## **Getting help**

**Bucks Online Directory (BOD):** <https://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Find activities, services and groups near you. This directory also includes groups offering support for those affected by Covid-19/lockdown. Groups who are registered with BOD are advised to update their listing.

**Bucks Family Information Service:**

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/parent.page?parentchannel=24>

A place for families to find activities, organisations and services- such as things to do, advice support and details of the local offer for SEND

**Fix My Street:** <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

Report a problem on a street/road in Buckinghamshire or track the progress of reported issues.



## Events & Appeals

A number of **Town Centre updates** in relations to Covid-19 trading, Christmas Events-

[www.visitaylesbury.co.uk](http://www.visitaylesbury.co.uk) or Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/aylesburytc/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/aylesburytc/events/?ref=page_internal)

### **Bucks Food Revolution: Online festival: 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

<https://feedbackglobal.org/the-bucks-food-revolution-is-here/>

From Feedback's **Food Citizens** in Buckinghamshire project, we bring you a programme of exciting and unusual events exploring our relationship with food, from foraging berries in the outdoors, to waste-saving tips and recipes, to a deep dive into how we can work together to protect nature and our planet. We will be hearing from local experts and enthusiasts on growing food, understanding how what you eat affects your health and well-being; as well as discussing the pitfalls of food waste and how to avoid them at home – there is even a food themed story-time session for kids! Our highlight is an online screening of David Attenborough's new documentary 'A Life on Our Planet.'

### **Christmas Present Appeal** <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/2020-christmas-present-appeal-vulnerable-children-more-important-ever/>

The annual Buckinghamshire Christmas present appeal is being run this year for the first time by the new Buckinghamshire Council as part of its 'Helping Hand' community support initiative. And with the difficulties and disruption caused by coronavirus, the need for this popular seasonal campaign is greater than ever. Now in its sixth year, the annual present appeal brings together council employees, councillors, and local communities in a massive drive to get presents to children and young people who otherwise might not receive that much at Christmas.

Because of the national coronavirus restrictions that are in place during November, this year Buckinghamshire Council are not asking people to bring gifts to our council offices. Instead, there's a new Just Giving web page through which supporters can donate to a [Just Giving fund](#) which will then be used to purchase gifts.

### **Christmas Hamper Appeal**

This year, the annual Christmas meal, hosted by St Marys Church is unable to go ahead due to Covid-19 restrictions. Alternative plans include putting together festive hampers for those in need, which includes working with local partners including Aylesbury Foodbank, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, and Aylesbury College. To support this project, a crowdfunding page has been set up to help raise funds

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=communityhampers>



## **White Ribbon Day**

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/buckinghamshire-council-supports-white-ribbon-day/>

White Ribbon Day will be marked on Wednesday 25 November 2020, to raise people's awareness of domestic abuse and help reassure victims that help is available. By wearing a white ribbon you will be making a pledge to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. Buckinghamshire Council will be raising awareness of domestic abuse over a week of campaigning aimed at all victims of domestic abuse across the county. The link contains a full briefing- including how to access local support.



## Project Updates

### **E-scooter- 12 Month Trial**

The initial fleet of 25 e-scooters in Aylesbury will provide those who still need to travel through the lockdown with an alternative, convenient and 'green' way of getting around. They will also help people cope with the reduced public transport capacity available and allow for better social distancing when making journeys.

Latest update here: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/electric-scooter-schemes-launch-aylesbury-and-high-wycombe-support-covid-restrictions/>

**Haydon Hill Cycleway Project-** <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/road-projects-and-improvement-schemes/haydon-hill-cycleway/>

- (a) Planning permission was received 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- (b) Vegetation clearance works were carried out from 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.
- (c) The main works of the cycleway are expected to start in April 2021 (for a period of 4 months).
- (d) Construction of the cycleway is expected to be completed during summer 2021 (subject to Covid-19 and weather conditions)

**A418 Oxford Road Project -** [www.buckscc.gov.uk/A418OxfordRoad](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/A418OxfordRoad)

- (a) The project is being delivered in stages.
- (b) On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2020, work started on the fourth stage of the project and was substantially complete on 12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020. The work included upgrades to the traffic lights at the Oxford Road/ Churchill Avenue and widening of Churchill Avenue to two lanes.
- (c) We have now started plans on the final stage of the project, which are the refurbishments of White Hill & Friarage Road signalised crossings and the installation of fibre optic & wireless equipment along the A418 Oxford Road.
- (d) The current programme is to complete works on the final stage of the project by the end of this financial year (March 2021).

### **Emergency Active Travel Schemes**

The Southcourt [Emergency Active Travel Scheme](#) is currently being implemented and should be completed by mid-November. The scheme provides a cycle link from Southcourt to Aylesbury Town Centre and Stoke Mandeville Hospital through the provision of quiet routes (through the introduction of road point closures by utilising planters) and a new section of on road cycleway.

It is part of a £514,000 'pop-up' and temporary emergency active travel programme that we are currently implementing across the council area. The schemes aim to encourage residents to undertake more local journeys by foot and by bike and provide greater alternatives to how we travel through the Covid-19 Pandemic.



### **Aylesbury Garden Town**

The Aylesbury Garden Town team is pleased to announce that its community engagement online platform and interactive map for Gardenway is launching on the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 and will remain open until the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021. To find out more about the plans to create an 18km orbital park, have your say, join our online discussion and post your thoughts, images and videos in the 'put a pin in it' section of the website, sign up at [www.aylesburygardenway.co](http://www.aylesburygardenway.co) Please share within your networks so that everyone who is interested can join the conversation! (Note that the website has not yet launched so you will not be able to access before 25<sup>th</sup> November)



## Consultations

### **Aylesbury Town Centre**

Kingsbury & Market Square consultation- a change to help Buckinghamshire Council understand what's important to you about Kingsbury Square and/or Market Square to help shape future development: <https://www.kmspublicrealm.org/>

### **Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Statement 2021/22 Consultation**

We are asking for views on proposals to update the content of the Policy and Statement by providing clarification and more detail to some areas. This is based on feedback we have received over the last 12 months and aims to provide clearer information and guidance to students and families so they can make informed choices about their school transport. We are also asking people to respond on proposed options for how transport for eligible post-16 students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is arranged and paid for from September 2021. The consultation provides an overview summary, an Easy Read summary, associated documents, an online survey and a printed version of the survey. Everything is available on the consultation webpage and print versions are also available on request. We are also holding online consultation events where you can hear about possible changes to the Policy and ask questions. These will take place on Tuesday 10 November, 7-8pm or Thursday 19 November, 10.30-11.30am. Any changes implemented as a result of this consultation are planned to be published in April 2021 for the academic year 2021/22.

**Contact** [H2STpolicyconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:H2STpolicyconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or 01296 382891

Closes 07/12/20

### **Taxi Licensing Policy Consultation**

Following a [public survey](#) in September this year, ongoing conversations with the taxi trade and discussions with Elected Members, the findings from these have helped inform the development of our Draft Taxi Licensing Policy. The public and stakeholder consultation will ask for feedback on the proposed content within the Draft Policy. It will include an online survey, printed survey on request and consultation direct with the trade. Open 10/11/20-20/12/20 **Contact:** [taxilicensing.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:taxilicensing.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### **County-wide Composite Traffic Regulation Orders Consultation**

This public consultation is a statutory requirement as part of the technical and formal process to align and adopt traffic regulation orders across the county now we are a unitary Council. Runs 13/11/20-10/12/20 **Contact:** [parkingtro@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:parkingtro@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

