



Aylesbury Community Board- 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Agenda Item 10- 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.

### **Help and Information**

Helping Hands: 01296 395000 <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/get-support-food-and-energy-bills-over-winter/>. If you, or someone you know, needs extra support because of shielding, self-isolating, or if you are struggling day to day financially or with your mental health the Helping Hands team can 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.



Rapid Testing: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/bookarapidtest/>

Does your organisation have staff and volunteers who are leaving home to go out and work in the community? Fast, free rapid COVID-19 testing is now available in Buckinghamshire for public-facing staff and volunteers. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms but can still pass it on. Regular testing can help identify cases of COVID-19 with no symptoms and break the chain of infection. Rapid testing can also provide valuable peace of mind to your staff and volunteers who are at increased risk of exposure to the virus because of their work in the community. For more information and to book regular appointments, visit <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/bookarapidtest/>

### Town Centre

To keep up to date with what's happening in Aylesbury Town Centre visit <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/> or Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/aylesburytc/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/aylesburytc/events/?ref=page_internal)

## Having your say

Aylesbury Community Board:

Please like and share our Facebook page so we can reach residents across our area <https://www.facebook.com/Aylesbury-Community-Board-106108777992919>

Your Voice Bucks: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>

Have your say and participate in local and Countywide consultations and surveys

Census 2021:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/council-and-democracy/census-2021/>  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2021- Buckinghamshire Libraries (from Aylesbury Library) and Buckinghamshire Adult Learning (from centres in Buckingham, Aylesbury and High Wycombe) are offering a census support service (by telephone only where face to face is not possible due to COVID-19 restrictions). Team members will answer questions about the census, help people to complete the form online if required, help with understanding the questions and/or asking for an access code and signpost to translation support or to request a paper copy.

## Local Projects

Discovering Buckinghamshire's Parishes:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/knowning-your-placediscovering-buckinghamshires-parishes/>

Are you a keen historian, local super-sleuth or simply fascinated by your parish's past? Do you belong to a local history society with shared knowledge of your local area? Or perhaps you're new to the area and keen to learn all about the history of your new home and surroundings? If so, then the Buckinghamshire Council Archaeology Service needs your help with updating its special 'parish summaries'.



Kingsbury and Market Square regeneration: [www.kmspublicrealm.org](http://www.kmspublicrealm.org)

£4.5m has been committed to re-design Kingsbury and Market Square public spaces to help attract visitors into Aylesbury town centre and support businesses. The third phase of engagement took place between 15 – 24 February and included sharing the pre-planning design proposals for comment via stakeholder Zoom sessions and an online exhibition. These comments will feed into the detailed planning application due to be submitted in April. Visit [www.kmspublicrealm.org](http://www.kmspublicrealm.org) and click the 'subscribe to project news' button to be kept up-to-date on this project with regular newsletters

Electronic Vehicle Charging Points:

Buckinghamshire Council were recently awarded £105k grant funding from the Government's On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS). The On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme provides funding for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging points in car parks in residential areas where off-street parking is not available (e.g. terraced housing with no driveways). The £105k Government funding for 2020/21 will be used to install 8 new electric vehicle charging points in each of the following car parks (i.e. 32 new charging points in total):

- Aylesbury, Coopers Yard, HP20 2NF
- Aylesbury, Waterside North, HP20 1UG
- Buckingham, Cornwalls Meadow, MK18 1RP (flood resistant units will be installed here)
- Buckingham, Western Avenue, MK18 1HP

These car parks were identified after undertaking feasibility surveys from August to November 2020 on Council-owned car parks in priority areas across Buckinghamshire that met the Government's [OCRS Criteria](#). Groundworks will commence within the next month and will be managed by the Off-Street Parking Team.

Aylesbury Garden Town- new Cycling and Walking app:

Finding a walking and cycling route in Aylesbury just became a whole lot easier with the launch of a new cycling and walking web-based app for Aylesbury. The app provides a series of layered maps showing the Gemstone cycling network, rights of way, national cycling routes, canal tow paths, points of interest and the Town Council's Heritage Trail. Visit the new look [Aylesbury Garden Town website](#) to access the app and learn more about the Garden Town and ways to get involved.

Haydon Hill Cycleway Project: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/road-projects-and-improvement-schemes/haydon-hill-cycleway/>. Planning permission was received 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Vegetation clearance works were carried out from 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. The main works of the cycleway are expected to start 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (for a period of 4 months). A press release about the construction start date is expected to be provided during March 2021 (before the start of the purdah period). Construction of the cycleway is expected to be completed during August 2021 (subject to Covid-19 and weather conditions)

A418 Oxford Road Project: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/road-projects-and-improvement-schemes/a418-oxford-road-corridor-improvements/>. The project is being delivered in stages.

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.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2021, work started on the final stage of the project. The work includes the refurbishments of White Hill & Friarage Road signalised (pedestrian) crossings and the installation of fibre optic & wireless equipment along the A418 Oxford Road.

Work on the final stage of the project is progressing very well and is expected to be completed during March 2021.

Phase 2 of the South East Aylesbury Link Road (SEALR):

This project forms a key part of the Aylesbury Orbital Link Road. This section of road is a proposed addition to the original SEALR Phase 1 works (1.2 kilometres between the A413 Wendover Road and the B4443 Lower Road). SEALR Phase 1 was recently unanimously approved by the Strategic Sites Committee. Phase 2 involves the construction of approximately 450 metres of dual carriageway from the future Lower Road roundabout westwards. At the western end of Phase 2, we will construct a new roundabout. This will connect to future road links such as the Stoke Mandeville Relief Road and the South West Aylesbury Link Road (SWALR). Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 would be constructed together as one programme of work.

Buckinghamshire Council hosted an online consultation from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021. For more information about SEALR Phase 2, please visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/sealr](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/sealr) and <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/highway-projects/sealr-phase2-feedback/>.

Cabinet agrees actions to be carbon neutral by 2050:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/council-shares-climate-change-vision/>. The council has made a firm commitment to take action against climate change by adopting 60 different actions to become carbon neutral by 2050. Actions include installing renewable energy systems (such as solar panels) on our buildings, using electric and low emission vehicles in our fleet, continuing to upgrade street lighting to LEDs and using our planning powers to support climate change. To help offset carbon emissions, over the next ten years we will plant a tree for every person (543,000) living in Buckinghamshire. The Energy & Resources team will support the 16 local community boards in their local climate control initiatives to help deliver practical carbon reduction actions at a grass roots level.

