



Missendens Community Board Projects Update

The Missendens Community Board has awarded grants to the following groups. We have been able to help with community support for specific projects and for emergency funding required due to the pandemic.

We are looking forward to working further with the community on projects that benefit our residents.

Chiltern-Dial-A-Ride

Chiltern-Dial-A-Ride were given £500 by the Missendens Community board towards their services which now include providing transportation for vulnerable residents to and from COVID-19 vaccination appointments.



THE CHILTERN'S
Dial-a-Ride
helping you get around

CDAR works closely with Buckinghamshire Council and local support hubs, helping with delivery of essential food parcels, assistance with collection of prescriptions and for journeys too and from medical appointments. They also offer regular contact calls.

Their services during the pandemic have been free of charge for food distribution and also for all first-time users who have been referred to them.

Now, with the arrival of the COVID vaccines, and the vaccine programme rolling out, the free service has been extended to help provide transport for Covid-19 vaccine appointments to the elderly and all adults who have mobility problems. Using their larger minibuses to maintain social distancing, drivers wear appropriate PPE and follow guidelines for cleaning between journeys.



Chilterns Citizen Advice

An award of £5,000 was made to Chilterns Citizens Advice to help fund a dedicated caseworker who will work with anyone in our community who needs help, advice or support.

The pandemic has changed the types of advice needed by local people in the Chilterns. There has been an increase in issues relating to benefits and in particular, new claims for Universal Credit. More people – often those who are unfamiliar with welfare benefits – need help to complete their application.

In addition to benefits support, our caseworker can arrange emergency food bank parcels, review utility bills to see where savings can be made and help with issues such as housing and debt.

We are grateful for the funding received from the Missendens Community Board so that we help more local vulnerable people during this uncertain time. This funding will pay towards a benefits caseworker to support local people in the Missendens area. This will be done remotely, until restrictions are lifted and we can return to having face to face appointments. Local people can call our caseworker directly and we also receive referrals from GP surgeries.



Citizens Advice Chilterns in Prestwood

Tuesday 9am-1pm: Methodist Church, High St, Prestwood, HP16 9EY

Weds 9am-1pm: Chequers Surgery, Chequers Drive, Prestwood HP16 5DU

Call 01494 791391 to book

How can Citizens Advice help you?

If you live in the areas of Prestwood and Great Missenden and you have a problem you are struggling with, we provide a free and confidential service. We offer advice on many issues including benefits, debt, housing and employment.

Make an appointment today with our trained adviser.

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Great Missendens Traders Association

Great Missenden Traders Association was awarded a grant of £500 towards the cost of Christmas trees for the High Street in Great Missenden. This cost would usually be covered by donations and by the traders themselves, but in difficult times, funding this year was not going to be possible.



I applied for a grant through The Missendens Community Board in order to help fund the Christmas decorations in Great Missenden High Street. The funds enabled us to purchase 54 small trees which were installed in existing brackets down the length of the road by our team of volunteers. It was greatly appreciated as it helped to brighten up the village during what was a difficult Christmas for so many people. Thanks to all for the approval of the application!

Holmer Green village Society

Holmer Green Village Society used their award for £75 to create an activity that the whole village could join in and enjoy



Between April 2020 and October 2020, Claire from Inclusion Un.Limited hosted over 18 picture trails for the residents of Holmer Green. Thanks to this funding of £75.00 we were able to create a much bigger winter trail for the month of December to give the residents in Holmer Green and the local areas something different to do during this isolating and difficult time.

The funding allowed us to purchase resources such as printer ink, paper, glow in the dark paint, glitter and double-sided plastic to make our winter trail. It also enabled us to purchase another waterproof box to keep free copies of the trail route protected from the rain and wind.



Our winter trail consisted of 12 handmade giant snowflakes hung up on lampposts, whilst ensuring they were on accessible pathways to allow people of all abilities to join in. The aim of the trail was for families and individuals to locate all of the snowflakes; find the hidden letters on 9 of the snowflakes and solve the anagram.

We advertised this trail through the Inclusion Un.Limited and Holmer Green Facebook page which allowed it to reach almost 3000 people. This route proved to be one of our most popular as 45 copies of the route were taken in the first 2 weeks of the trail being available to the public. Thank you for supporting this project, the feedback from families has been extremely positive including that it helped improve the motivation and physical activity for families over the tough Christmas period.



Little Missenden Parish Council

Little Missenden Parish Council were awarded £345.91 towards Christmas lights and trees for the centre of Holmer Green Village.

Local residents were pleased to see the decorations going up to make the Christmas celebrations for 2021 seem more normal!

Prestwood Events

Prestwood Events group were awarded £1,184 to help with some Christmas cheer on the High Street. The lights will also be used in coming years to illuminate the village



The purpose of our recent Christmas funding was to support our ability to add an extra bit of Christmas cheer and spirit to the Prestwood Community. Consequently, we were able to provide an additional set of Christmas illuminations located at the entrance to Prestwood High Street car park. In the midst of Covid-19 restrictions, when the normal village community celebrations had to be curtailed, the addition of this attraction went a long way to giving the village a sense of the season, and a resultant lift in the overall feeling of well-being. Our feedback indicated that the effort was very well received and appreciated.

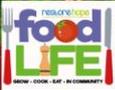


May I express once again the sincere thanks of Prestwood Events Group and the Prestwood Community your support in this very worthwhile enterprise.

Restore Hope

Restore Hope used their £1,000 award to provide Christmas Hampers for a number of local families





Thank you for your kind donation. Here is just some of the impact you have had to local families this christmas.

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<p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;">KODAK PORTA 400</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;">"A nice kind gentleman delivered me 3 boxes of hope, one had turkey in, one had all the veg and trimmings I will need for a Christmas Dinner, the other box was full of fruit and veg. Thank you Hope Place for your kindness you have given me and every other person you have helped in the area."</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;">KODAK PORTA 400</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;">KODAK PORTA 400</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;">"The food was absolutely beautiful, loved the turkey and used the herbs & garlic like the video suggested. So Flavourful. Going to do that again and again. The turkey did 3 of us on Christmas Day, 7 on Boxing Day, and still had lots left for sandwiches on the 29th & 28th. Thank you Restore Hope."</p>

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The Lantern Club

The Community Board were happy to make a contribution of £50 to the Christmas hampers for Lantern Club members.

The Lantern Club is a weekly day care centre which in normal circumstances meets in Holmer Green Village Centre on Mondays to offer company and stimulation to local elderly residents. During the past year, while unable to meet physically, our Activity Leader Sharon has kept in weekly contact with our clients or their families, whichever is appropriate. At Christmas Sharon assembled lovely bags of presents for everyone and delivered them personally – at a safe distance of course! Each bag contained a calendar, a plant and seasonal fayre such as Christmas cake, panettone and chocolates (the contents were adapted slightly for diabetics, with toiletry substitutes). The gifts were a lovely surprise for our clients and much appreciated - we had messages of thanks from several families. We were most grateful to the Community Board for its generous donation of £50 towards this initiative. The March issue of the “Holmer Green Today” village magazine includes an article on this also acknowledging the Community Board’s contribution.



The Source HP16

HP16CIC is a not for profit social enterprise that has continued to produce annually five issues of a 16page full colour tabloid newspaper for the community that includes the Great Missenden Parish and the HP16 postcode. The 6000 copies of the paper are delivered free to every home, business, school, charity and organisation. It is available publicly online via the website.

A reduction in the number of advertisers meant that production of this important source of information was at risk. The Community Board was able to support with an award of £523.17.

The Covid-19 pandemic has created the need for the sharing of positive news in a time of trial and difficulty. The level at which this news is most appropriate is the local community that is not catered for by other media. Thus, a hardcopy, local newspaper edited, designed and delivered by local volunteers is the best way to create positive identity in a local community.

The grant from the Community Board at the height of the pandemic paid for the print run of the newspaper - and enabled 4 extra pages of Council news to be included.

