



Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Report - 18th March 2021

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Introduction

Welcome to our March 2021 Community Board meeting update. The Community Board is gathering momentum and news of its existence is reaching out to more people.

Since our November meeting the following has happened:

- Our working groups have continued to meet and new members have joined. Each working group will have a dedicated web page to keep you updated on progress.
- We have awarded funding to 17 projects from across our Community Board.
- We have a monthly newsletter.
- We are launching a network group for community groups.
- Our Environmental and Green Spaces Working Group has worked with partners to put together an Environmental project which is about to be launched.
- We have 2 new working groups – Flood Risk and Economic Recovery bringing our total to 7 working groups.
- We continue to liaise with partners and Council services for their input and guidance on our working groups, projects and funding applications.
- We continue to make links with other agencies, the most recent being Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust.

At the March meeting we will have a presentation by Cllr Bill Chapple on the Council's Climate Change and Trees Strategy. From the strength of numbers on our Environmental and Green Spaces Working Group, this topic is close to the heart of many Community Board members.

HS2/East West Rail Working Group

This group recently met and were joined by Andrew Stephenson MP, the minister responsible for heading up the High Speed 2 (HS2) national rail project where members put their 3 most pressing questions to him. We are arranging a similar session with the Minister responsible for East West Rail.

A dedicated web page has been set up on the Buckinghamshire Council website and the link is <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/hs2-ewr-working-group/>

Update on our priorities

Our Working Groups continue to meet and identify where they can make a difference. As with all journeys such as these, we sometimes find we have to pause whilst we allow other partners to progress their side of things which means we cannot always progress at the pace we would like to. This has happened with our Highways and Road Safety Working Group and Community Speedwatch (CSW) being one of these priorities which was suspended due to Covid. We are pleased to report that Thames Valley Police have appointed a CSW coordinator to work with communities on reinstating this when it is deemed safe to do so.

Our Cycling and Walking Group also is waiting on developments with the Greenways projects.

Our Social Isolation Working Group has suspended at the current time. However we are taking an idea from the group and launching a cross Community board network group to engage with our smaller grass root service providers. Our first virtual meeting will be held on 20th April.

Environment and Green Spaces – Wild Aylesbury Vale project

We have been working with BBOWT [Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust](#), [Chiltern Rangers](#), and [Lindengate Horticultural Social Therapy Mental Health Charity](#) and have an exciting project in place, which Cllr Paul Irwin will tell you about at the community Board meeting.

It will involve a competition for residents, community groups and schools as well as provide a micro grant for community led projects.

This working group is also looking at exploring the concept of a Library of Things, which is about being able to borrow those items we might only occasionally use ourselves, which enables us to reduce waste and save money. We meet in early April to discuss the way forward.

Funding

Health and Wellbeing Fund – Crisis response

At the November meeting we advised that we had set aside a Covid Crisis Fund of £13,000, which came out of our Health and Wellbeing Fund. We awarded £12,266 in addition to the first Covid response in March 2020 where £11,130 was awarded. This leaves us with a balance of £2914.

We awarded funding to the following 8 short-term projects:

- Aylesbury Vale Sexual Assault and Abuse Support Service - £2139 – to provide extra Counsellor resources to cope with the increase in referrals from our Community Board area.
- Bernwode Community Bus - £4550 – to support its Christmas Convoy and food donations/response to foodbanks.
- Berryfields Parish Council - £1800 – to provide food hampers and Christmas presents for identified local families.
- Brill School PTA – £1386 - to support families of identified children with additional wraparound care.
- Grendon Underwood Parish Council - £1350 – to provide a crisis newsletter to residents and provide food hampers to identified residents experiencing hardship.
- Twyford Parish Council - £360 – towards food vouchers for identified families at the school.

- Waddesdon Support Group - £625 – to equip their Volunteer Support Service with a dedicated phone line and fund expenses for their volunteer prescription delivery service.
- Young Carers Bucks - £56 – to provide additional support to families with young carers in our area.

Area Priorities Fund

Since November we have awarded funding to the following projects which met the funding criteria.

The process for all these applications is that they are circulated to all Community Board members for their comments and support. When we receive funding applications often additional questions are asked and others consulted to ensure there are no more appropriate funding sources and that the project sponsor can demonstrate they have tried to fundraise or can match fund our contribution.

In all the cases below we received a majority in favour of funding with representation across all our members. Thank you to all those who take time to read each application, ask questions and consider these requests thoughtfully. We appreciate it takes time but want to ensure that worthwhile local causes that meet our priorities are supported where possible.

- Ashendon Causeway Footpath - £11,000 – to provide a tarmacked footpath to enable residents to access local amenities in safety. The Parish Council match funded 50%.
- Brill Cricket field path - £2652 – to provide an all-weather surface for residents to walk to local amenities. The Parish Council match funded 50%.
- Chearsley Village Playground refurbishment - £1869.10. Chearsley Village Hall Committee match funded 50%.
- Cuddington Playground Refurbishment - £10,688.10. The Parish Council match funded 50%.
- Haddenham Hamper – website for local businesses - £1144.94. The Parish Council match funded 50%.
- Marsh Gibbon Pop Up Skateboard Project - £2000. The Parish Council funded £2480.
- Waddesdon Wednesday Club - £1000. The Club received additional third-party funds of £1978.
- Wild Aylesbury Vale Project
 - a) £5,000 – to provide 10 micro grants to community groups.
 - b) £500 to provide 3 days dedicated time of a BBOWT Wildlife Officer on specific projects as directed by the Environment and Green Spaces Working Group. (£18,000 was ring fenced towards this project from the AVDC Green Futures Fund legacy fund and this is going towards Chiltern Rangers to support 6 CBS in the north and for BBOWT to provide the competition pack and awards)

A couple of other funding applications are in the pipeline and accounting for these, this leaves a balance uncommitted of £45,793.

Infrastructure Fund.

This is our largest fund and we awarded the following scheme, which met the funding criteria:

Haddenham Streetscape Project - £12,500 – to provide a village-wide appraisal of their streetscape. The Parish Council match funded 50%.

This leaves a balance of £283,798.

We can confirm that all our remaining budgets will be transferred into the new financial year.

To find out how to get involved, to see the criteria for applying for funds or to put in an application for any of these funding pots for the remainder of this year please visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-boards.

Alternatively, you can chat through any potential application with me, the Coordinator.

The link to the online funding application is:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/>

If you have any comments you wish to make on any of the information provided in this report please email us at hadwadcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk