



Amersham Community Board

18 February 2021 7pm



Since we last met in November...

PROUD OF BUCKS AWARDS – LOCAL IMPACT AWARD

Highly Commended

Maggie Turner



Highly Commended

Little Chalfont Facebook group




and the winner is...

PROUD OF BUCKS AWARDS

Local Impact Award Winner

The Little Chalfont
Community Food
Bank Collection



Working group updates and ideas
for new projects...

Coronavirus Recovery and Ongoing Support

Latest updates:

- Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Crisis funding agreed
- Supporting the distribution of LEAP Home Activity Packs for elderly and vulnerable residents
- Debt caseworker funded through Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- Dementia Friendly Communities and Safe Places Schemes
- Food provision in the board area
- Discussions with leisure provider 'Everyone Active' to understand outreach programme in the area

Supporting the Health & Wellbeing of Young People

Latest updates:

- Chiltern Rangers projects progressing
- Restore Hope FoodLife Hampers delivered to vulnerable families at Christmas
- Radio Christmas took place throughout December
- Youth Council progress – on hold during lockdown

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- Future meeting to be scheduled – any thoughts from the wider board?

Village/Town Centre Revival

Latest updates:

- Oakfield Corner display progressing
- Totally Amersham review and next steps

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- Amersham Action Group retail survey
- Working collaboratively with existing groups
- Ideas for projects to enhance the villages and town centres

Green Issues

Latest updates:

- NEW working group to be established
- Sustainable Amersham – promoted small changes for local people to make at Amersham Market in December

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- Amersham Museum Shopping Before Plastic – mobile museum project
- Sustainable Amersham – Projects in collaboration with Town and Parish Councils, new working-group for sharing ideas and informing about current activities

Transport



Latest updates:

- Chesham Bois VAS project to be scheduled
- Coleshill weight and speed limit – Petitions to be discussed
- A355 speed limit petition – joint discussion with Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye
- Parking procedure draft and parking request template – for discussion with the board

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- HS2 joint discussions with neighbouring community boards
- Parking discussions with local businesses and residents
- Little Chalfont Cokes Lane – ongoing discussions with TfB



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL



FUNDING AGREED SINCE NOVEMBER MEETING:

Amersham Scout Hut	£25,000
Radio Christmas	£1,000
Restore Hope	£2,000
Chiltern Rangers	£10,000
ATC Oakfield Corner Display	£7,300
Chiltern Dial-a-Ride – Crisis Fund Application	£500

Applications to be discussed today:

The Fitness Garden	£4,140
Little Chalfont CCTV	£3,700
The Big Community Take Away (see next slide)	£2,500

The Big Community Take Away

Coronavirus has left many people including friends, neighbours, relatives and community members struggling to eat, at a time when nutritious meals are more important than ever. The BCTA are fundraising to provide meals each week for all those affected.

Since launching in April 2020 the project has provided over 6,200 meals in the Chesham/Amersham area.

Identification of need is 2 fold:-

1. Allowing people to register freely online if they are in need. The Big Community Take Away complete verification checks to confirm need.... This protects individuals privacy and pride
2. We have reached out to charity organisations who complete vetting and need and register on behalf of recipients

The project benefits individuals, and families who are struggling from the effects Coronavirus both in relation to Covid/recovering, self isolation or with mental health issues and those who have been financially affected either through furlough, loss of hours or redundancy and cannot afford to cover meals.

Costs are approx. £5 per meal covering a main course and desert. No cost is allocated to volunteers for expenses. Based on current and projected need for Amersham and Little Chalfont we are expanding from 27 recipients to 50+

Total cost based on 50 recipients = £250 per week.

Match funding of £2,500 has been secured from The Clare Foundation if the Community Board agree to contribute.

The team are working on setting up a crowd funding page to keep the project sustainable and funded ongoing.

BUDGET (2020-21):

Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities	Health & Wellbeing	Local Infrastructure
Budget	£84,704.00	£22,693.00	£36,150.00
Allocated	49,686.15	20,486.00	25,000.00
Remaining	35,017.85	2,207.00	11,150.00

Consultations



yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com

Close date

Chiltern area car parks Public Spaces Protection Order consultation

21 Feb 2021

Help shape the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Buckinghamshire

26 Feb 2021

Town and Parish Charter feedback

7 Mar 2021

Involving local people in the planning process

22 Mar 2021

Call for brownfield sites in Buckinghamshire

22 Mar 2021

What matters to you and the neighbourhood where you live or work?

Opening soon



Census Support Service

- This March the 2021 Census will be taking place and this time it is the intention that as many people as possible complete the census form online, although there is a paper version available for those who cannot complete the online form.
- To support Buckinghamshire residents complete the form online, where at all possible, or signpost to request a paper copy, Buckinghamshire Libraries (from Aylesbury Library) and Buckinghamshire Adult Learning (from centres in Buckingham, Aylesbury and High Wycombe) are offering a census support service, whereby we 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.

Contact if you require any further information.

- Buckinghamshire Libraries **0300 131 6000**
- Buckinghamshire Adult Learning **01296 382403**

Covid-19 Rapid Testing

- We have recently launched rapid COVID-19 testing in Buckinghamshire – with four sites now available in Aylesbury, Wycombe, Amersham and Buckingham - allowing people who leave home to go to work or volunteer to get tested regularly for COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the infection.
- <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/bookarapidtest/>
- Tests can be pre-booked, but all the centre's are also accepting walk-in's.



Forward plan of meetings

Working Groups:

- Covid Recovery – 2 March 6pm
- Young People – 10 March 6pm
- **NEW** Green Issues – 11 March 1pm
- Transport – 16 March 6pm
- Town Centre - 24 March 6pm

Board Meetings:

- Thursday 17 June 7pm
- Thursday 16 September 7pm
- Thursday 18 November 7pm
- Thursday 17 February 7pm

Follow us on Facebook to be kept informed about working group meetings and activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/Amersham-Community-Board-103122731565359>