



# Community Boards

## Wendover and Villages

Michelle Parker



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# Community Boards The Vision

### Vision:

- For boards to proactively support council priorities at a very local level and in a way which is the best fit for that local community.
- For boards to connect the council with community groups, partners and residents to understand what matters to them and work together to problem solve.

### How?

- The boards will use data and insight to understand local issues and help unblock issues or request projects that make an impact for local people and improve outcomes for residents.
- Action groups will explore local priorities, projects, and creative ways to make local changes
- Sharing local intelligence with each other and council services





## Community Boards

# Introductions

- Community Board Chair – Mike Collins
- Community Board Vice Chair – Richard Newcombe
- Service Director – Nigel Dicker
- Localism Manager – Kama Wager
- Community Board Coordinator – Michelle Parker



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# The Community Board Coordinator

- Dedicated coordinator for each board
- Championing the needs of the area
- Driving force with local members and residents in a new collaborative style of working
- Engage and develop effective relationships with local partners, community groups and local people
- Works closely with the Chair and other councillors and officers
- First point of contact for town and parish councils, community groups, local organisations, partners and local people
- Administer the local delegated budget including monitoring and evaluation



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# The Community Board Chair & Vice Chair

- Responsible for making sure the board is operating in alignment with the corporate priorities and policies of the Council
- Making sure the voice of the local community is at the heart of the work of their board
- Providing leadership to make sure the objectives and priorities of Community Boards are met
- Representing the board at Chairs' meetings
- Taking part in ongoing training
- Oversight and development of an action plan that is based on data and insight, supporting council and local priorities
- The Chair and Vice Chair will work closely with their Community Board Coordinator to develop an area action plan based on each board's priorities, and to collate pertinent information to ensure the agendas for the Community Board meetings are always relevant, inclusive and engaging.

*The Chairs will get together regularly throughout the year to share ideas and best practice to enable this new way of working with our communities to continue to develop and improve.*



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# Service Directors

- Demonstrate senior leadership commitment from the council to this way of working.
- Provide senior officer representation at key community board meetings. Take an active role at the formal (recorded) meetings including giving the update on Buckinghamshire Council news (a briefing note will be provided) and leading discussions on any BC consultations.
- Troubleshoot problems or issues
- Advise on any 'hot topics' in the area which the council needs to address
- Support the community board coordinator to follow up issues which are raised at Community Boards
- Provide feedback and direction on corporate issues, raising these issues if required with senior management
- Challenge services where further support to Community Boards is required
- Support community boards to develop an action plan that is evidence based, outcome-focused and linked to council's corporate plan objectives.
- Make sure that the Corporate Director, Service Director and Portfolio Holder for Community Services are kept aware and upto-date on any issues or problems arising at Area Boards
- Attend agenda setting or reflection meetings with the Coordinator, Chair and Vice-Chair to drive forward the work of the community board.
- Encourage good use of internal and external funding opportunities.

# Community Board Membership Town & Parish Councils

- Aston Clinton
- Bierton with Broughton
- Buckland
- Drayton Beauchamp
- Halton
- Hulcott
- Kingsbrook
- Stoke Mandeville
- Wendover
- Weston Turville



## Community Board Wendover and Villages

### Who's involved?

- Buckinghamshire councillors
- Local businesses
- Health colleagues
- Voluntary & Charity Sector organisations
- Places of worship
- Parish councillors
- Thames Valley Police
- Community Associations
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Residents
- Schools



### Key Contacts

Julie Ward  
(Chairman)



Mike Collins  
(Vice-Chair)



Michelle Parker  
(Coordinator)

### Population Stats

- The population size is over **26,000**
- **20%** of the population are 65+ years old.
- **920** clinically extremely vulnerable
- **7.2%** of children are living in poverty
- **24.8%** Year 6 children are overweight and obese.
- **9.2%** babies have low birthweight
- **41%** take up of NHS Health Checks
- **2.4%** claim unemployment benefits
- **19.8%** physical inactivity in adults
- **28.5%** of adults are obese.
- **3,416** households at higher risk of food poverty.
- **14** schools are within the area.

### Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- Local priorities/ working groups established
- **8** projects funded
- **14.3%** of budget allocated



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## Top 5 Successes

1. Created an opportunity for community groups, organisations and Cllrs to work together on COVID Recovery for the local area supporting vulnerable residents e.g. COVID Recovery working group.
2. Funded transport and highways projects within the area; for projects that had been an issue for a number of years e.g. Perch Bridge, Halton
3. Funded Lindengate charity to run a 'Planted' programme for young people who are facing mental health challenges and feel like they have nowhere to go.
4. Funded a Community Care Package project for approximately 30 vulnerable residents within the Bierton area.
5. Developed good working relationships with Town and Parish Councils creating a Clerks Forum to enable strong links with Buckinghamshire Council providing support and aligning all the work that already takes place within the area.

## Community Board Priorities



### Covid-19 Response and Recovery



### Transport and Infrastructure



### Community Safety



### Supporting vulnerable adults and young people

## Working Groups

The Community Board created 4 working groups for those areas that there was a focus and drive to have discussions to tackle local issues.

These working groups addressed issues and concerns and took action to support the local community, issues raised and what support was needed from the Community Board

*“The Wendover and Villages Community Board reflects localism at it’s best. This is a real opportunity for community focused projects and organisations to deliver real change and results right on their own doorsteps and in the heart of their communities. Community Board open the door to everybody to make a positive contribution. The fantastic participation of the members, officers and guests so far has shown what can be achieved and I would like to thank everyone for helping to get the board off to a fantastic start.”*

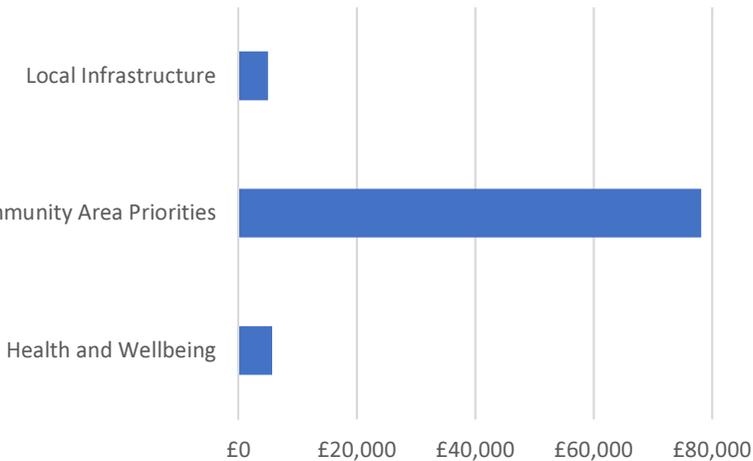
*- Cllr. Julie W...*



**Next meeting:** Thursday 1 July @ 7pm

# Budget Breakdown

2020/21 Expenditure To Date



Total budget for 2020/2021  
**£596,422**

Funding allocated so far  
**£88,819**

# Project Summaries



The Community Board have funded transport and highway schemes within the area such as Rumble Strips within Weston Turville, Feasibility Study to reduce the speed limit in Green End Street, repairs to Perch Bridge in Halton and Speed Indicator Device in Kingsbrook.



## Lindengate 13-18 year olds nature based programme

'Planted' is a programme offered to young people who are facing mental health challenges and feel like they have nowhere to go. This is a course that will help them connect with nature and creativity. To gain a sense of achievement and purpose.

# Get Involved

We welcome anyone to get involved, come along to our working groups, share ideas and get involved with shaping the work we do. It's all about being creative, understanding the needs in the area and developing projects that will make a real difference. Contact our Community Board Coordinator to find out more.

# 2020/21 In Review

April- May 2020

## Highlights & Board Focus

- Cllr Crisis Fund launched in response to the first lockdown.
- Supporting local VCS groups in supporting vulnerable residents during lockdown.

## Projects Funded

- Wendover Dementia Support – Telephone advice helpline (£1k)
- Chiltern MS Centre – Zoom subscription (£1k)
- Wendover Youth Centre – Penpal Scheme (£925)
- Aston Clinton COVID 19 Support Group (£1.4k)
- Lindengate – Rest and Reflect Programme (2k)

June- July 2020

- Launch of Community Boards
- **First meeting- 28 July 2020**
- Introduction to Chair and Coordinator, key topics included presentation from Public Health Buckinghamshire presenting information and insight relevant to the local area.
- Discussion of priorities for the area

August- September 2020

- Started networking within the area; discussing issues and concerns with the parish councils, Cllrs and partner organisations.
- Established an informal Clerks Forum for the parishes to network; share ideas and concerns.

# 2020/21 In Review

October -  
November 2020

## Highlights & Board Focus

- **Second meeting- 1 October 2020**
- Meeting focus on Transport and Highways applications.
- Update from TVP and Community Safety issues within the local area.
- Presentation provided by Aylesbury Garden Town on collaborative working.
- **Third meeting – 24 November 2020**
- Presentations on the Impact of COVID on the Community; HS2 update and Strategic Infrastructure.
- Funding applications were reviewed.

## Projects Funded

- Transport and Highways Schemes approved:
  - Perch Bridge – Halton - £3,757
  - Rumble Strips – Weston Turville - £3,927
  - 20mph speed limit – Aston Clinton £21,602
  - Waiting restrictions – Aston Clinton £10,987
  - Speed Indicator Device – Kingsbrook £2,500
- Bierton Parish Council – Community Care Package - £440
- Lindengate – Nature-based wellbeing and resilience programme for 13-18 year olds - £26,540

December 2020-  
January 2021

- Working groups established for COVID Recovery, Community Safety and Highways and Transportation.

February - March  
2021

- **Fourth meeting – 16 March 2021**
- Focus on Climate Change and Environment.
- Discussion held on funding applications.

- Action for Youth – Mentoring project £8,389
- Halton Village Refurbishment - £5k



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# Community Board Public Health Profile

## **The Public Health CB Profile for 20/21 highlighted the following as areas of focus for our area:**

- Reducing smoking, childhood obesity and physical inactivity
- Interventions that support women to achieve a healthy pregnancy, particularly older mothers, can reduce the risk of babies being born with a low weight. 3.
- Wendover ranks amongst the highest for proportion of adults with cancer compared with the other community boards. Risk of cancer is linked to a number of factors including smoking, being overweight, physical inactivity, sun exposure and excess alcohol consumption.
- Loneliness for people aged 65 years and older is a key area.
- Promotion of NHS Health Checks is strongly encouraged.
- Support to residents affected by increasing levels of debt during the pandemic should be considered. Financial stress can negatively impact mental health, which may already have worsened by other aspects of the pandemic including restrictions due to lockdown