

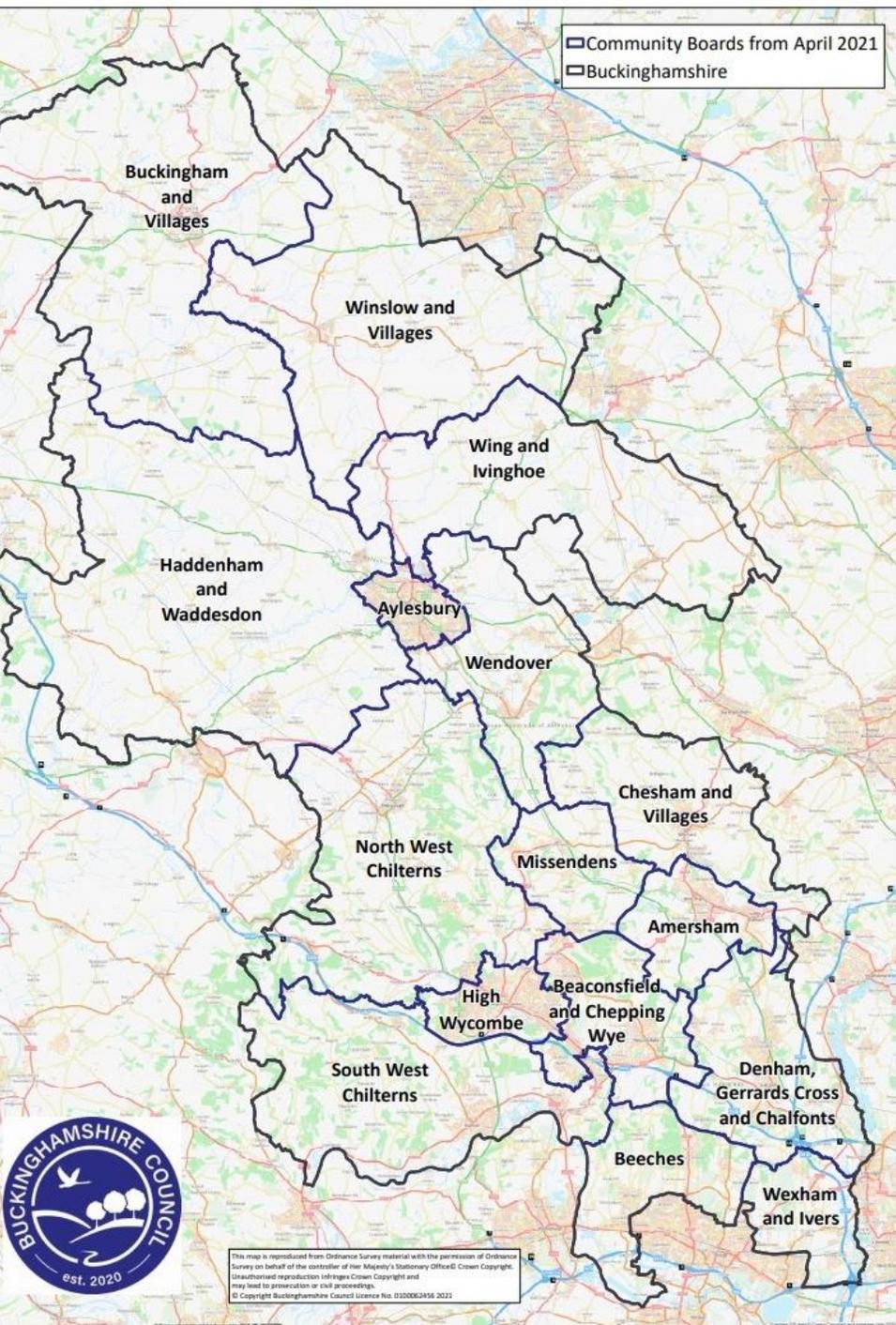


Buckinghamshire Council

Community Board Annual Report

2020-2021





Introduction

Community Boards are a new way of working bringing the Council, partners, community groups, organisations and local people together to look at local issues and find ways of improving them together.

The 16 Community Boards are at the heart of Buckinghamshire Council's commitment to localism, enabling the Council to have a local presence, to understand our diverse communities well, and to improve the lives of those who live and work in Buckinghamshire.

The Boards launched in July 2020 as a key commitment of the new unitary council, with the first public meetings taking place in September 2020.

Despite launching in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic Community Boards have made a great start at building local relationships and networks, understanding local issues and providing a mechanism for the council, partners and community to come together in the shared ambition to improve the lives of those who live and work in Buckinghamshire.

This report reflects on the achievements that the Boards have made during their first year.

Thank you to our Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, coordinators, town and parish councils, partners and residents for working with us to get the Boards off to a great start and I know Councillor Steve Bowles will continue to drive forward our vision to make a positive difference for our Communities as he takes over as Cabinet Member this year.

Cllr Gareth Williams
Cabinet Member for Communities & Public Health 2020-21



The Community Board team 2020-21

A big part of 2020 involved setting up a new team to get the Community Boards up and running. This included recruiting 16 Community Board Coordinators and appointing Buckinghamshire Councillor Chairmen and Vice Chairman as the dedicated champions for their area. The member and officer teams hit the ground running to have their first informal meetings getting to know their areas in July 2020, with a public launch in September and continued to keep up the pace from then on building relationships and establishing themselves within the community. These roles have been welcomed with partners and communities as valued and trusted connectors and in their ability to bring people together on a common desire to make the local area a great place to live and work.

“Thank you to the members and officers for the way they’ve been dealing with getting this off the ground, the genuine enthusiasm is clear – across the board. I feel excited about Community Boards.”
– a Parish Council

Coordinators 2020-21



Chairmen 2020-21



Community Boards 2020 -21

Launching a new service and introducing a completely new way of working in a new unitary council was always going to be a challenge, however it was a challenge the Cabinet wholeheartedly embraced in order to realise the vision of the new Buckinghamshire Council, strengthening local connections and keeping close to our communities.

Over the last year we have built a passionate and committed team around each Board including a dedicated Coordinator, Chairman and Vice Chairman who are the driving force behind knowing our communities well.

As community partnerships, local engagement and making space for creative conversations has been a critical focus. The pandemic made traditional engagement plans impossible however it also empowered more creative ways of working. The use of online meetings and engagement tools in particular has increased accessibility to a much wider audience, encouraging those who may not have attended traditional meetings in the past to get involved and engage with the Boards.

The value of the Boards is being able to listen and respond to local need, evidenced through their ability this year to adapt and respond flexibly to the needs of their local communities during the pandemic, acting as key connectors between Council services and local groups.

Using local data and intelligence Community Boards set local priorities to drive their work programme for 2021, which included the following:

- Covid-19 response and recovery
- Community safety
- Economic regeneration
- Environment
- Health and wellbeing
- Highways and infrastructure
- Supporting older and vulnerable people
- Young People

Action groups explored priorities, generated local conversation, developed projects and took community action around local issues.

The real success has been bringing together a wide range of stakeholders including town and parish councils, local voluntary and community groups and residents, in many cases helping to establish new connections amongst local organisations in a local area.

16 Community Boards

64 Board meetings

57 Action group meetings

228 Community Projects

“[Community Boards are] not just a discussion point but a place to really engage with local groups, give people the opportunity to lead and get involved”



Covid-19 Response

In response to Covid-19, communities across Buckinghamshire came together quickly to help solve local problems and to support those in need.

Community Boards played a major role in building on this community spirit and facilitating the Council's response to the pandemic throughout 2020/21.

Having built local connections with key voluntary and community sector organisations, the Boards were well placed to respond quickly to local need, identifying issues and listening to what was required on the ground.

Action groups involving officers, Councillors, local people and partners helped coordinate the response locally, as well as providing funding to a variety of local projects and initiatives. Emergency crisis funding was made available to support community initiatives and projects including those directly supporting isolated and vulnerable residents to access the essentials such as food and medicine.

The wider impacts of the pandemic came to the fore, including food poverty, unemployment and social isolation. The Boards supported groups providing food to those in need, including various community fridge and foodbank drives. Community Boards also supported to a large number of local projects over the Christmas period ranging from Christmas events to improve the mental health of elderly or isolated residents, to providing food parcels, hot meals, hampers, stockings and toys for disadvantaged or vulnerable residents and children.



The Community Boards also made funding available to local organisations providing vital transport services during the pandemic. This included Chilterns-Dial-A-Ride, who provided a free service during the lockdown to transport patients with mobility issues to medical appointments in eight Board areas and Stokenchurch Community Transport, who provided transport to the local vaccine hub.

In addition to funding local projects, Community Boards played a key role in ensuring their communities knew how to get the support they needed if they were shielding, or self isolating. Their local connections ensured that key messages and information could be shared with local people quickly and in the right way for the community. Many Boards shared feedback with the Council on local issues and barriers, which helped to inform how the Council and key services shared information to reach local people. This included developing materials in different languages and working with the community to develop targeted videos.

Several Boards also held community briefings in partnership with the Council's public health team to provide the opportunity for face to face conversations, information and reassurance. These briefings were well received and attended by leaders and residents within the community, giving them the opportunity to learn more about the Covid-19 virus, vaccines and the local NHS and Council response, and to support their communities better.

This engagement extended to support community outreach vaccination clinics in key areas across the county with low vaccine take up rates, working closely with all partners, community groups and faith organisations.

"The comments received were very positive regarding the look of our buses re cleanliness, professionalism of our drivers and the seamless way we transferred them into the (vaccine) centre." - Chilterns Dial-a-Ride



Community projects

Alongside crisis support for communities during lockdown, Community Boards have been involved in and funded a wide range of projects that are making a real difference to their communities. From shop local campaigns, to wildflower meadows and initiatives to keep people moving these include:

- Projects encouraging us to boost the local economy, supporting shops and businesses in our town and villages
- Helping people to learn about healthy eating and the importance of staying active
- Investing in long term community assets and services to support health and wellbeing for all ages, from playgrounds to dementia friendly communities
- Creating safe community spaces such as community gardens and communal spaces with chat benches that enable local people to come together and create something for the future, reducing social isolation, getting people active and developing new community assets
- Tackling older people's loneliness through community companionship projects and men's mental health with Men in Sheds groups
- Youth initiatives, led by young people to gather youth views on local issues, and youth mentoring for vulnerable young people
- Environmental initiatives encouraging young people to 'Go Green', not only tackling environmental issues, but also addressing mental health, providing new skills, working as a team and getting active
- Promoting Grow to Give projects encouraging gardening enthusiasts to donate surplus produce or to grow specifically to give away
- Projects to support people to access training or employment, support for setting up a new businesses, and providing financial advice and support
- Improving the environment and encouraging wildlife back into community spaces with wildflower planting
- Increasing access to green spaces and creating new communal areas such as community gardens whilst also providing opportunities for people to come together on a community project getting active and reducing loneliness





Impact at scale

Although the Boards operate in their local areas for the benefit of their residents, there are significant opportunities for Boards to collaborate on larger projects which cross multiple Board areas.

A number of multiple Board projects have been supported this year, with larger VCS organisations wishing to provide services covering a wider geographical area, maximising impact.



- Seven Community Boards partnered with Buckinghamshire Business First to deliver the Be Your Own Boss initiative to support small business start-ups as a part of Covid recovery. The scheme aims to help small businesses get started by offering the opportunity to sign up to a range of tailored support including online workshops and seminars, networking events and business support. By working in collaboration, each Board was able to fund 12 places on the scheme for residents in their area, with events taking place throughout 2021.
- Five Community Boards in the north of the country collaborated with Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes Sexual Assault and Abuse Support Service to set up a pilot counselling service for 14 months, in response to the increased need for support services due to the pandemic. Funding from the Boards has enabled the service to help survivors to receive assistance, resources, stabilisation, and support to decrease emotional pain, provide emotional support, make sure that the person in crisis is safe, and help develop a plan for coping with their situation.
- Six Community Boards in the north of the county launched the Wild Aylesbury Vale Competition in partnership with Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) and Lindengate Social and Horticultural Therapy Charity. The competition was open to residents, community groups, schools and parishes to encourage wildlife into any available green space and in doing so connect with the environment and support health and wellbeing. The competition was open to residents and organisations to show how they have incorporated wildlife friendly features into their green spaces. Alongside the competition BBOWT held a series of talks on and introduction to wildlife gardening, prickly predators, pollinators and ponds.
- Three Community Boards partnered with Transitions UK, and other local partners including local housing associations Paradigm and Red Kite to pilot youth mentoring and support for 12 young people, aged 13-21, at risk of offending, criminal exploitation or wanting to change direction following offending. The scheme supports young people take positive steps towards adulthood through an 18month – 2 year personal development plan with mentoring support.
- Health and wellbeing initiatives including online activity to support with mental health, healthy eating initiatives, conversations with health around maternity services and what people really need, social isolation projects, young people getting more active.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Support Service
Aylesbury Vale & Milton Keynes



The next chapter

Community Boards have made a great impact in their first year despite the challenges of launching in a new Council during a global pandemic. The local connections and community relationships established have been instrumental in the Boards' achievements to date and will be pivotal in their ongoing success.

We have taken the opportunity to reflect on what's worked well so far, listening to feedback from our partners and members of the Boards about how we can continue to take the Boards on their journey together. In response to this feedback, we have strengthened our governance processes this year to ensure they are more efficient, transparent and inclusive.

With the first elections to the unitary council in May 2021, we will maximise the opportunity to work with Chairmen and newly and re-elected local councillors to help us deliver on our ambitions for Community Boards to be the local face of the council.

This year will see more community engagement across the Boards, encouraging local people and organisations to get involved in action groups and projects, creating spaces for community conversations to understand local issues and work together to create active community partnerships. Collaboration with our partners and local people will continue to be an important area of development which will hopefully grow as restrictions lift and face to face meetings become possible again.

One of our main priorities for 2021/22 is for Community Boards to proactively support Council priorities at a very local level and in a way which is the best fit for that local community. With a strong financial commitment for community initiatives, the drive this year will be to actively encourage local people, groups and organisations to work with their local Board to develop project ideas and proposals that meet council and community priorities for the benefit of their local area.

For 2021/22 our key areas of focus that all Boards will be asked to explore and support in their local areas include improving the environment and supporting economic recovery post-covid. We will work with services, partners and the community to understand and explore how Community Boards can support the Council in addressing these county wide issues.

Learning and reflection will continue to play a key role in our development plan for Community Boards as we work towards establishing the Boards within the Council and the community.

We are looking forward to even more opportunities to make a positive difference in our communities by listening to local voices, providing local choices and taking local action to improve the lives of the people of Buckinghamshire.

WORKING TOGETHER:

local voices, local choices, local action

Welcome to 2021

We welcome our new Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Steve Bowles, returning and new Chairmen, to drive the Community Boards to become inclusive, welcoming and proactive community partnerships throughout 2021-22.



Cabinet Member for Communities
Cllr Steve Bowles

“I’m excited to be taking the Community Boards onto the next stage of their journey, working with Chairmen, Coordinators, partners and our communities to create innovative and impactful projects for the benefit of our people. This year will see many opportunities to bring the council and community together on some important local issues following a difficult 18 months living through a pandemic, and whilst it’s not yet over, the power of Community Boards has shown how when we work together we can make a real difference.”



Service Director champions

The council is committed to this new way of working. For the boards to be successful it will require a whole council approach. Each of the Service Directors have been aligned to a Community Board, joining the dedicated team to support action planning and community initiatives. The Service Director champions also help bring their service knowledge, skills and expertise to the Community Boards acting as a key link back into the council ensuring local intelligence is being used to support council service design.



Lloyd Jeffries



Matt Everitt



David Skinner



Palvinder Kudhail



Simon James



Nick Graham



Nigel Dicker



Steve Bambrick



Elaina Quesada



Sophie Payne



Roger Goodes



Sara Turnbull



Martin Dickman



Jenny McAteer



Joan Hancox



Lisa Michelson

Community Board summaries

2020/21
The first year



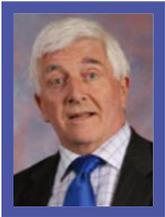
Community Board Amersham

Year 1 – 2020/21

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



Graham Harris
(Chairman)



Liz Walsh
(Vice-Chair)



Lizzie Wright
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- Population over **25,000**
- **22%** aged 0-15
- **699** clinically extremely vulnerable people
- **19%** aged 65+
- **15** public schools
- **6%** of children living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- Lower than average crime rate
- **13%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **13%** of people have no qualifications
- **40%** of people aged 16-74 in full time employment
- **88.6%** of people 'satisfied with their neighbourhood'

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **5** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **21** projects funded
- **74%** of budget allocated



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Top 5 Successes

1. Development of Scout Hut - providing an excellent community space and increased capacity for young people by nearly 60% as well as improved green energy efficiency on the site.
2. Developed new parking survey improving how Community Boards track of parking issues, maximise funding and respond to residents.
3. Inclusive board activity has facilitated strong collaborative working with a wide range of partners and residents. Nearly 100 people receive the quarterly newsletter.
4. Supporting residents to get out in the community after lockdown. Dementia Friends sessions will support our retailers to offer a safe and enjoyable experience to their customers.
5. Key services such as a debt caseworker by Citizens Advice has supported over 17 clients with long term debt and 7 Voices and Choices volunteers are offering a companionship service to support vulnerable residents.

Community Board Priorities



Coronavirus Recovery and Ongoing Support



Supporting the Health & Wellbeing of Young People



Village & Town Centre Revival



Green Issues & the Environment



Transport

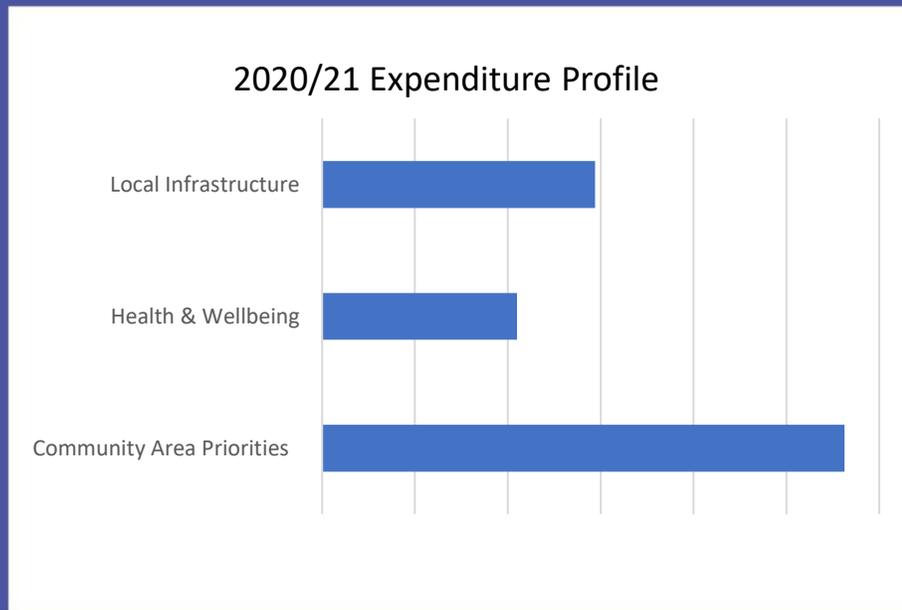
Working Groups

The board set up a working group to address each priority plus an additional group to focus on transport and highways issues in the local area. The engagement in the working groups has been significant with approximately 100 people, including both residents and community groups, taking part in Community Board activity.

"I would like to thank everyone for their help and encouragement in getting the board up and running. Despite the difficult circumstances, we've made some great connections and built up good working relationships. Its great to see everyone passionate about making a difference locally. We have achieved a lot in the first year and I'm looking forward to some great projects."

- Cllr. Graham Harris

Budget & Expenditure



Total budget for
2020/2021
£143,547

Project Summaries



The Fitness Garden online health, fitness and mental wellbeing support - providing at least 40 community carers and young people (of secondary school age) with an 8 week programme of tailored physical activity. By partnering with local community organisations and small businesses, TFG will help raise awareness and provide opportunities for the community to come together and be more active and healthy.



The Big Community Take Away - providing at least 50 weekly hot meals for families and individuals severely affected by Covid. BCTA have been working alongside many local businesses and volunteers to provide vital support to individuals and families who are struggling either with Covid itself or self isolation but also some of the knock on effects it can have had such as furlough, loss of hours or redundancy.

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.



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Community Board Aylesbury

Year 1 – 2020/21

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



Cllr Mark Winn
(Chairman)



Cllr Susan Morgan
(Vice-Chair)



Amy Jenner
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- Our population is over **75,000**, with over **16,000** young people under 15, and **9,490** aged 65+
- **19.1%** of children are living in income deprived households or poverty
- **23.8%** of adults are physically inactive
- **46%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment
- **87%** of our community are satisfied with it as a place to live
- Over **13,000** people are at higher risk of food poverty
- Our area has a **higher** than county average rate of domestic abuse related incidents & crime
- We have a **higher** than England average of diverse communities

Community Board Stats

- **4** main community board meetings held in 2020/21
- **5** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **10** projects funded
- **36%** of budget allocated 2020/21



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Top 5 Successes

1. Youth Views- our Youth action group has worked together to develop the Youth Views project to enable young people to share their views about the things that matter to them.
2. Environment Action Subgroup- meeting monthly, this group is made up of more than 20 passionate community members who are keen to influence environmental change. Through this group we have been able to develop a number of project and are working with partners to look at opportunities for managed wildflower planting in agreed locations.
3. Providing funding and advice to a number of local organisations and community groups, including the Aylesbury Hindu Temple Trust & Vineyard Foodbank, to help enable them to support the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic
4. Partnership working with Thames Valley Police- main board meeting on 29th will include a TVP Drop In session for members of the community to engage directly with our TVP colleagues
5. Sustainable Smart Swaps- developed by the Environment group, this campaign has brought Sustainable Aylesbury's vision to life- through educating the community on how small changes can make a big difference

Community Board Priorities



Health & Wellbeing



COVID-19 Economic Recovery



Community Safety



Road Safety, Highways & Infrastructure



Improving the Environment



Enhancing the Lives of our Youth

Working Groups

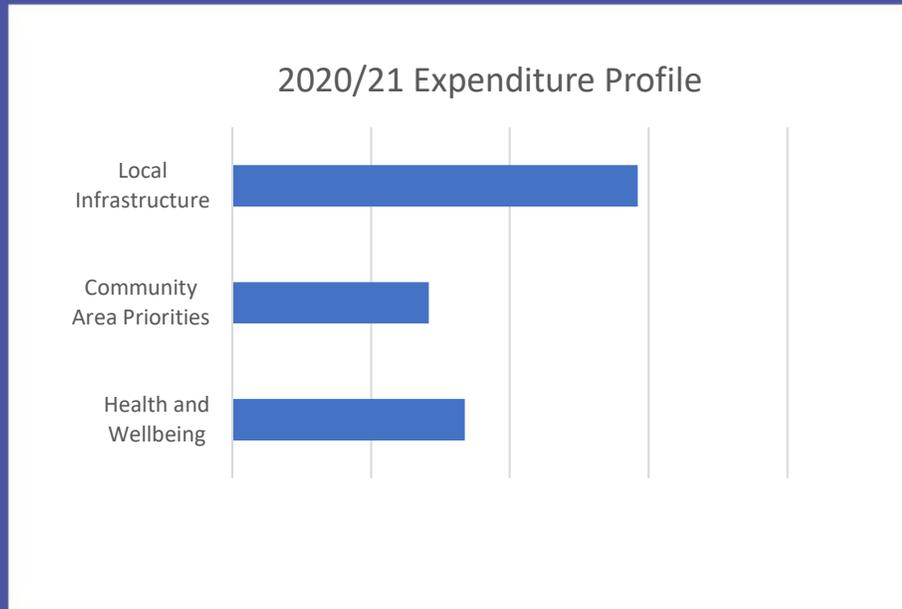
The board set up an action group to address each priority. Each group has met either monthly or 6 weekly and is made up of local partners including Buckinghamshire Council Councillors, Town & Parish Councillors, Council representatives, residents, charities, community & voluntary groups, local businesses.

'I am grateful to everyone who has been involved in the Aylesbury Community Board journey so far. The board has funded a wide range of projects including the production of the Tree of Light remembrance video for Florence Nightingale Hospice, funding for pop-up volunteer groups to help residents isolating during the COVID-19 pandemic, a youth bus & supporting activities, and Youth Views- a project that enables young people to tell us what they like about their community and what they think is missing to help shape our Aylesbury.'

We have started to see what can be achieved and the ideas and discussions coming through our action groups have been interesting and inspiring- we are excited to explore with members of our diverse community how we can move forward in key areas to ensure our community continues to thrive'

- Cllr Mark Winn, Chairman

Budget & Expenditure



Total budget for
2020/2021
£333,938

Project Summaries



**Cloudy
Foundation**

Youth Views is working with young people to design and execute a research project that will enable the Community Board to better understand their needs, to inform the Community Board and to help shape a direction to work towards supporting young people- based around their views. The project offers the opportunity to engage with a wide range of young people including those from targeted vulnerable groups to ensure their voice is heard.



A pilot project to introduce two full time Street Wardens to Aylesbury to support the prevention of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and disorder in the town. Street Wardens will work closely with Buckinghamshire Council's Community Safety & Town Centre teams, and Thame Valley Police, helping ensure that our Town is a welcoming and safe place for residents and visitors

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.



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Community Board Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye

Year 1 – 2020/21

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



Cllr Anita Cranmer
(Chair)



Cllr Katrina Wood
(Vice-Chair)



Andy Chapman
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is **41,132**
- **21%** of the population is under 15
- **22%** of the population is over 65
- **18** schools
- **5.7%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is lower than the Buckinghamshire and South East averages
- **7%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **14%** of people have no qualifications
- **41%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **4** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **7** projects funded and **13** crisis fund grants awarded
- **27.2%** of budget allocated



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Top 5 Successes

1. Through the Cllr Crisis Fund, the Board provided financial support to new and existing projects providing direct support to those affected by the pandemic
2. With the support of town and parish colleagues, residents and organisations, the Board has been promoting a new way of bringing local people together to identify and address issues of concern
3. Board members were involved in the early discussions that led to the creation of the Chiltern & South Bucks Food Group
4. The Highways group considered more than a dozen applications and is working with Transport for Bucks to find solutions to matters raised by residents and local representatives
5. The ideas, enthusiasm and local knowledge of our partners has put the Board in a strong position as it starts its first full year – an exciting 12 months ahead!

Community Board Priorities



**Community &
Open Spaces**



Highways & Traffic



**COVID Recovery
& Regeneration**

Board members stated that environmental concerns and all age physical and mental health & wellbeing should feature across all priorities

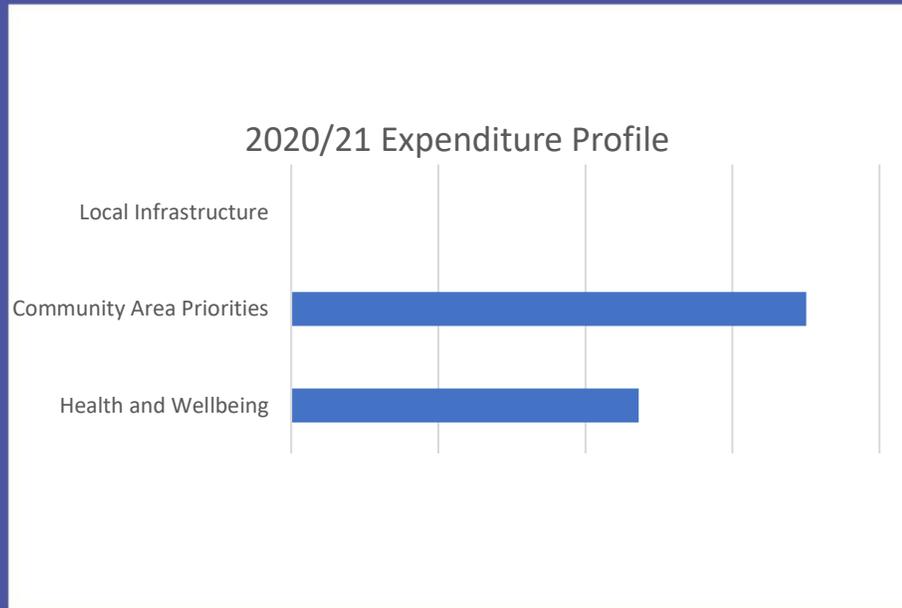
“If anyone doubted the value of Community Boards they have been proved wrong. They are a wonderful tool to bring big impersonal government into the heart of the local community. We are immensely grateful for the start we have made and the exciting future we have, helping and enabling our local areas to support some goals and dreams.”

Working Groups

The Board established three main working groups to start to work with partners and communities to explore the priorities – Highways & Traffic, Covid Recovery & Regeneration and Communities & Open Spaces. Climate Change and Culture working groups were added later in the year.

Cllr. Anita Crammer

Budget & Expenditure



Total budget for
2020/2021
£215,271

Project Summaries



Board members were keen to encourage physical activity and promote environmental concerns, providing funding for Chiltern Rangers projects with several local schools, distributing LEAP activity packs, and helping with the purchase of accessible nest swings in Penn, support for the Hazlemere Scouts, the resurfacing of a path in Common Wood, the creation of a community garden in Beaconsfield and a new allotment initiative in Knotty Green.



In partnership with neighbouring Boards, Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye worked with Bucks Business First to deliver Be Your Own Boss courses for residents – so far 6 budding entrepreneurs from the B&CW area have taken part in the Enterprise Days and workshops, with opportunities for 6 more to follow this year

Get Involved

We welcome anyone wishing to get involved - come along to our working groups, share your ideas and help 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.



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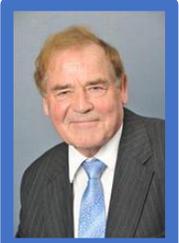
Community Board Beeches

Year 1 – 2020/21

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



Cllr. David Anthony
(Chairman)



Cllr. Barbara Gibbs
(Vice-Chair)



Jack Pearce
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **25,000**
- **19%** of the population are under 16
- There are **916** clinically extremely vulnerable people
- **21%** of the population are over 65
- There are **14** schools in the Board area
- **9%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is **higher** than average
- **8%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **17%** of people have no qualifications
- **42%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **3** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **19** projects funded
- **40%** of budget allocated



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Top 5 Successes

1. Supported several local organisations including Burnham Resilience, Burnham Care & Share Foodbank and the Farnhams Support Group working on the immediate Covid-19 response providing support to vulnerable residents
2. Set up three sub-groups which facilitated valuable discussion between Councillors and local partners, with representatives from over 15 local groups attending
3. Funded 3 projects to improve road safety in locations across the Board area, including flashing signs and road markings outside Farnham Common Infant and Junior Schools on the A355
4. Supported a local intergenerational project and facilitated discussions around setting up further projects in the Board and beyond
5. Provided match funding to Buckinghamshire Business First to facilitate their "Be Your Own Boss" scheme for local residents

Community Board Priorities



Infrastructure & Highways



Supporting Older & Vulnerable People



Young People

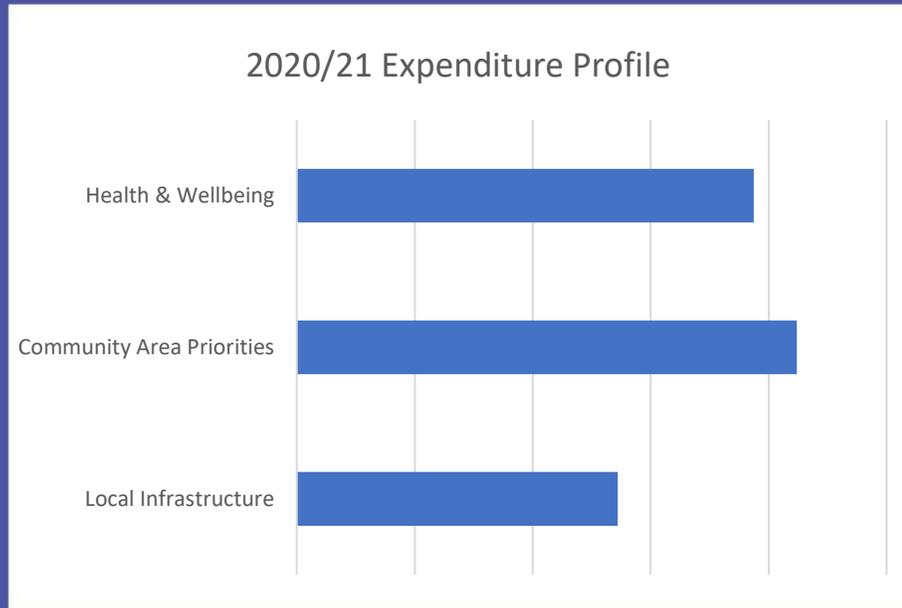
Working Groups

The Board established three working groups to fit with the three identified priorities for 2020/21. The working groups met several times each to discuss local issues and progress projects with a range of local stakeholders attending.

"Establishing a new unitary council along with 16 community boards has been a major challenge in these extremely difficult times. I am grateful to everybody involved with our board for their hard work in getting it up and running so quickly. Much of our initial work has gone into helping our most vulnerable residents during the pandemic. We are putting down strong roots, and in partnership with our residents, parishes, and local organisations I know we can make a real and positive contribution to our community."

- Cllr. David Anthony

Budget & Expenditure



Total budget for
2020/2021
£135,892.00

Project Summaries



Buckinghamshire Business First: are working in partnership with several Community Boards, including Beeches, to provide training and support to local residents who are looking to start their own businesses. The initiative will help people to develop the skills and meet the contacts they need to give their business idea the best chance of success. This project will contribute to the post Covid economic recovery in the local area.

Burnham Beeches Rotary Club – Christmas parcels: with match funding from the Community Board, Burnham Beeches Rotary Club provided 98 Christmas bags to pupils on free school meals at local schools in Farnham. “We packed the bags, in a socially distanced manner, on 7th December and on 10th December we delivered the bags to the schools. The schools were delighted!”



Get Involved

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Community Board Buckingham and Villages

Year 1 – 2020/21

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



Charlie Clare
(Chairman)



Warren Whyte
(Vice-Chair)



Sophia Comer
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **24,880**
- There are **4,975** young people
- There are **667** clinically extremely vulnerable people
- There are **4295** over 65's
- There are **1,027** Educational Establishments
- **9%** of children are living in poverty
- **2%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is lower than average
- **12%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **15%** of people have no qualifications
- **41%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **5** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **17** projects funded
- **16.2%** of budget allocated



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Top 5 Successes

1. Supported local voluntary organisations in response to Covid by funding Foodbanks to ensure local residents were provided for during the pandemic
2. Responded to the flooding over the Christmas period and set up an emergency crisis fund for those who had been affected
3. Partially funded a project entitled “Sexual Assault and Abuse Support Service- Crisis Councillor” to enable victims of abuse to receive support in response to an increase in referrals following the Covid-19 lockdowns.
4. Built relationships in the community with key organisations such as local councils and VCS organisations to enable better partnership working in the Community Board
5. Contributed to cross-board initiatives such as the HS2/EWR Working Group

Community Board Priorities



Covid-19 Support and Economic Recovery



Road Safety & Cycleways



Green Space and Communities



Youth

Working Groups

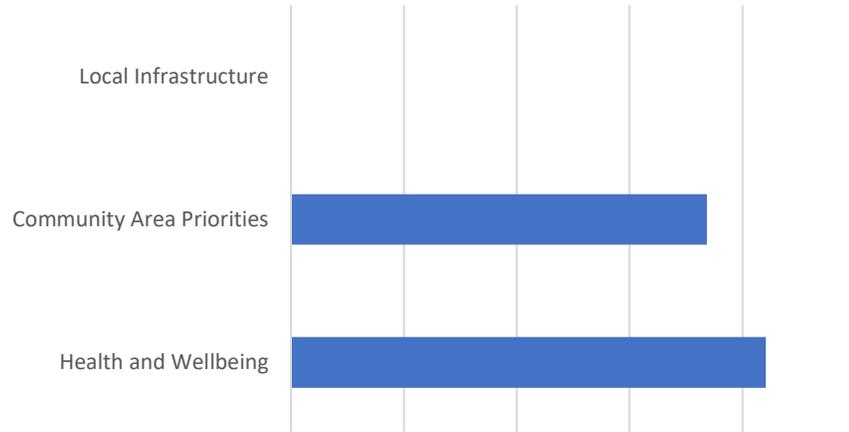
The Board set up a working group to address each priority. An additional cross boarder working group was established with the other Community Boards areas in the north of the county to collaborate on issues relating to East West Rail and HS2.

“The Buckingham and Villages Community Board is here so that residents can help direct local funding to the projects you care about. We work with Parish and Town Councils, as well as local charities and most importantly – residents who care about where they live and want to help make a difference. I’m so excited about what we can achieve by working together to invest Buckinghamshire Council money into the projects we are excited about”

Ellie Charlie Clare

Budget & Expenditure

2020/21 Expenditure Profile



Total budget for
2020/2021
£243,120

Project Summaries



Although the Christmas parade could not happen this year due to Covid restrictions, local businesses dressed their windows to bring some festive cheer to Buckingham High Street whilst abiding to current restrictions that were in place.



SAASS are a local sexual abuse support service who will be setting up a pilot crisis counselling service for 14 months, in response to increased need for support services due to Covid-19. Their referral rates have increased significantly with new service users presenting more complex experiences and needs. Many are in crisis following a lockdown in which they experienced traumatic sexual assault and abuse events

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Community Board Chesham and Villages

Year 1 – 2020/21

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



Cllr Patricia Birchley
(Chairman)



Cllr Jane MacBean
(Vice-Chair)



Caroline Green
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **28,000**
- **5.7%** are under 5 years old
- **18.8%** are over 65 years old
- **1059** people are clinically extremely vulnerable
- There are **13** schools
- **11%** of children are living in poverty
- **2%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is lower than the average across England
- **14%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **18%** of people have no qualifications
- **39%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment
- **88.6%** of people are 'satisfied with their neighbourhood'

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **4** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **14** projects funded
- **53.4%** of budget allocated



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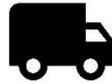
Top 5 Successes

1. Supporting The Oasis Partnership to part-fund a Project Worker for its Employment, Training, Education and Volunteering project; supporting 25 people so far.
2. The Theatre Shed were able to provide workshops from comedy to art & culture to 70 people. Over 90% of participants said the course made them feel “extremely inspired”.
3. Themed meetings have enabled the Board to make valuable connections between local partners and organisations, improving engagement and promotion of the Board.
4. Supporting the Franklin Fields Playground Group for a much-needed refurbishment of the playground in Franklin Fields, Chartridge, which will be accessible to the whole community.
5. The Covid Recovery Support group were able to reach the most vulnerable within our community by supporting Chiltern Dial-a-Ride – this enabled those unable to travel to access appointments.

Community Board Priorities



Health & Wellbeing



Transport & Highways



The Environment



Community Safety & Resilience



Economic Development & Regeneration

Working Groups

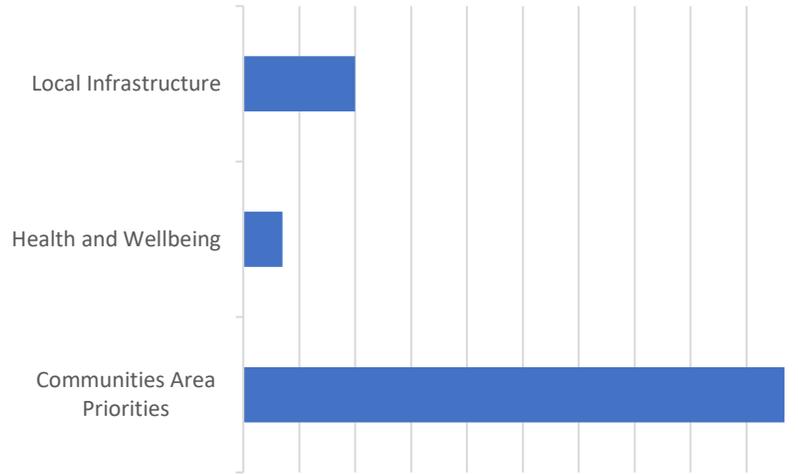
The Community Board has established working groups to take actions on issues linked to our priorities. These groups bring together board members and representatives from the community and relevant partner organisations to identify projects and solutions to local issues.

“Chesham & Villages Community Board is closely involved with charities and community organisations in the town, supporting everyone who has suffered adverse effects from Coronavirus. We really cared that residents living in and close to Chesham had their needs met. A Village Forum was set up to ensure everyone’s voice was heard and we have supported Wi-Fi in village halls, new cricket equipment, a playground and mental health facilities in the third lockdown. Our next meeting will focus on improving the quality of the environment and in June we will invite new investment and regeneration into Chesham and the villages. We will continue to monitor HS2 and to challenge TfB on the quality of our local roads.”

Ollie Patricia Birchley

Budget & Expenditure

2020/21 Expenditure Profile



Total budget for
2020/2021
£145,705

Project Summaries



The Big Community Take Away provide hot nutritious meals for families and individuals who have been affected by Covid. BCTA have been supported by local businesses and volunteers, enabling them to deliver weekly meals to over 50 households.



The Theatre Shed deliver workshops that allow young people from all walks of life, background & ability to discover performing arts skills. The Community Board helped to support The Theatre Shed's recent workshops which saw 70 people attend.

Get Involved

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Community Board Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Year 1 – 2020/21

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



Cllr. Santokh Chhokar
(Chairman)



Cllr. Jonathan Rush
(Vice-Chair)



Ani Sultan
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **39,000**
- **19%** are aged 0-15
- **1,373** clinically extremely vulnerable people
- **23%** are aged 65+
- There are **13** schools
- **6%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is **lower** than average
- **8%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **15%** of people have no qualifications
- **38%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment
- **88.6%** of people are 'satisfied with their neighbourhood'

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **6** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **19** projects funded
- **36%** of budget allocated



Top 5 Successes

1. Established 5 working groups to discuss common themes and priorities, and to look at applications made to the Board in detail.
2. Focused on helping the Environment through our Climate Change and Environment sub-group, allocating funds to Tree and Wildflower projects throughout the Board area.
3. Supported 6 local organisations via our Crisis Application process to help ease the financial effects of Covid and the Lockdown periods.
4. Supported the primary plans for a Community Fridge in Chalfont St Giles, which will redistribute surplus supermarket food to local residents in need, benefitting those who are in food poverty in the surrounding areas.
5. Funded the Men in Sheds project in Denham to address social isolation, mental health and wellbeing.

Community Board Priorities



Community Safety



Covid Reset, Recovery & Wellbeing

COVID-19



Climate Change & Environment



Highways & Infrastructure



Youth Provision

Working Groups

Our Board created five working groups, plus one Business Forum to ensure that we could provide support to as wide a demographic as possible. The working groups have been meeting regularly in order to discuss issues within our Board Area, and to consider any applications made.

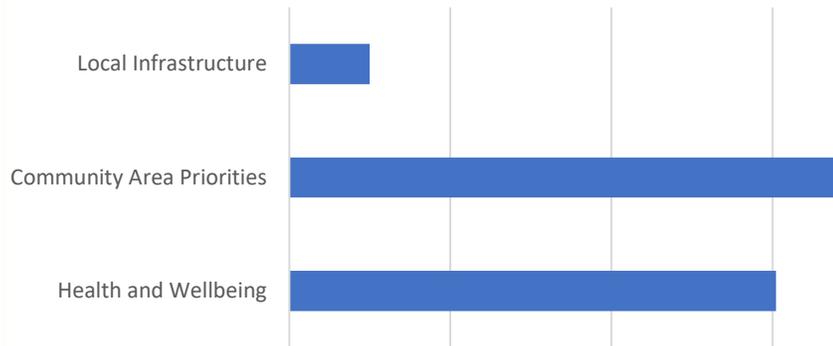
“Very happy to have been the pilot Board for the Board websites, which will add to our overall communication offer.

A number of crisis applications have been approved, and the feedback is that funds provided have helped enormously in these difficult times. The focus will now shift to thinking of more board-wide, focussed projects that can be implemented.”

- Cllr Santokh Chhokar

Budget & Expenditure

2020/21 Expenditure Profile



Total budget for
2020/2021
£193,977.00

Project Summaries

All Together CIC – Community Fridge: The Board part-funded the set up and future running of a Community Fridge in Chalfont St Giles. The fridge will be open 2-3 times a week and will be run by both paid staff and volunteers; local supermarkets will donate their surplus food, which will then be redistributed to the public. This will benefit local people who are struggling financially to access nutritious healthy food. There will also be huge environmental benefits as all of the food normally sent to land fill will be used.

Denham Parish Council – Men in Sheds: a national initiative that provides a unique opportunity to support and improve mental health amongst men who generally tend not to talk about problems and quietly suffer in silence. This project aims to provide an opportunity for men to regularly get together, talk, share thoughts and ideas and ultimately help improve mental health and wellbeing. The project will be easily accessible locally and will be open to all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Whilst together the group will work on small projects such as recycling, community environmental work, refurbishing and repairing old items

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Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon Year 1 – 2020/21

Who's involved?

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



Key Contacts

Cllr. Michael Rand
(Chairman)



Cllr Paul Irwin
(Vice-Chair)



Elaine Hassall
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- **33,000+** is the population
- **7,000+** young people
- **931** clinically extremely vulnerable
- **6,000** over 65's
- **17** schools
- **5%** of children are living in poverty
- **2%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is lower than average
- **8%** of people aged 16-64 have a limiting long-term illness
- **16 %** of people have no qualifications
- **40%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment
- **87%** of people are 'satisfied with their neighbourhood'

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **6** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **31** projects funded
- **20%** of budget allocated



Top 5 Successes

1. Partnered with local charities to create a wildlife project with a competition and micro grants to help encourage wildlife, improve our environment and support our health and wellbeing.
2. Provided a Covid response to support projects across the Board such as the Waddesdon Wednesday Club in helping older residents to engage online.
3. Brought 60+ like-minded people together to work with partners to tackle issues like speeding traffic, the environment, flood risk and increased freight on our roads.
4. Enabled communities like Ashendon and Brill to create footpaths to enable residents to access local amenities safely by foot.
5. Improved local provision for young people as they come out of lockdown, such as mentoring support, refurbishing playgrounds and supporting a pop up skateboard park.

Community Board Priorities



Covid-19 Response and Recovery



Road Safety, Freight and Infrastructure



Environment and Green Spaces



Addressing Social Isolation

Working Groups

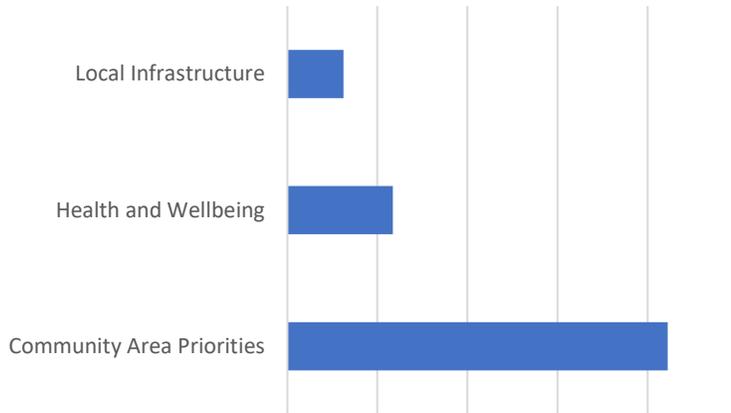
Our working groups align with local identified priorities of flood risk, road safety, freight, social isolation, the environment, economic and covid recovery, cycling and walking and HS2/East West Rail.

“I want to thank all the working group chairs and community participants for supporting the Community Board and the work that they have been doing to address some of our priorities and issues. I would also like to encourage other members of the community to get involved and take part in our funding application and approval process.”

Ollie Michael Rand

Budget

2020-21 Expenditure Profile



Total budget for
2020/2021
£414,246

Project Summaries



Ashendon Causeway Footpath.

Match funding from the Community Board enabled Ashendon Parish Council to create a footpath to enable local residents to walk to facilities safely without needing to step into a busy road.



Waddesdon Woodland Walk

The garden is attached to Waddesdon Community Hall. Volunteers and the Waddesdon Hall Charity cleared the overgrown site and created footpaths. With Community Board funding, a team of local volunteers could come together and populate the garden with trees, shrubs and flowers, which residents could enjoy and help manage.

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Community Board High Wycombe

Year 1 – 2020/21

Who's involved?

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

Key Contacts



Cllr Arif Hussain
(Chairman)



Cllr Lesley Clarke OBE
(Vice-Chair)



Fay Ewing
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- Our population is **75,449**, with **23.4%** aged 0-15 and **12.1%** aged 65+
- **2360** Clinically Extremely Vulnerable residents are shielding due to COVID-19 (data correct at 29.01.21)
- We are proud to have the most ethnically diverse population in the County, **36.3%** are BAME
- We have a higher proportion of children living in income deprived households or poverty **20.8%**
- **13,855 (18.3%)** residents are living in households at higher risk of food poverty
- **37.7%** of Year 6 children are overweight or obese
- Our community ranks highest for proportion of adults with diabetes
- Our community is amongst the highest for adults with depression and mental health illnesses

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **5** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **17** crisis fund and **14** projects funded
- **48%** of budget allocated



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Top 5 Successes

- 1.** **Collaborated** with Public Health and Local Support Hub to deliver Covid-19 community briefings in response to the highest number of infections in County. Attendance = 60+ per meeting and feedback proved that residents and businesses were able to access support and understand PH guidance to isolate and stay safe.
- 2.** **Partnered** with the BC After Care team to identify 50 care leavers to allocate funding to in the form of gift cards over the Christmas period to spend on items of their choosing, showing that they were valued and thought of by the community. **'Wycombe Environment'** an implementation group linked to the Environment sub group, started work on projects requiring little or no funding e.g. distributing wildflower seed to residents to support pollinating insects and discounted solar panel installation.
- 3.** **Funded** Khepera and African Caribbean network to work with local caterers effected by the pandemic to cook and deliver culturally appropriate hot meals over Christmas to vulnerable residents identified by One Can Trust Foodbank.
- 4.** **Established** Food Partners group with four key organisations with capacity and reach to scale up support if required during 2nd lockdown. Identified need and collaborated with Local Support Hub to signpost and provide support.

Community Board Priorities



COVID-19 recovery, resilience and regeneration



Mental Health and Community



Community Cohesion



Environment and Climate Change



Local Infrastructure

Working Groups

The Board established five working groups to fit with the identified priorities for 2020/21. The working groups met several times each to discuss local issues, identify priorities and progress projects with a range of local stakeholders and residents. High Wycombe benefits from a very active community and a variety of VCS partners who are all proactive and keen to positively contribute to their community

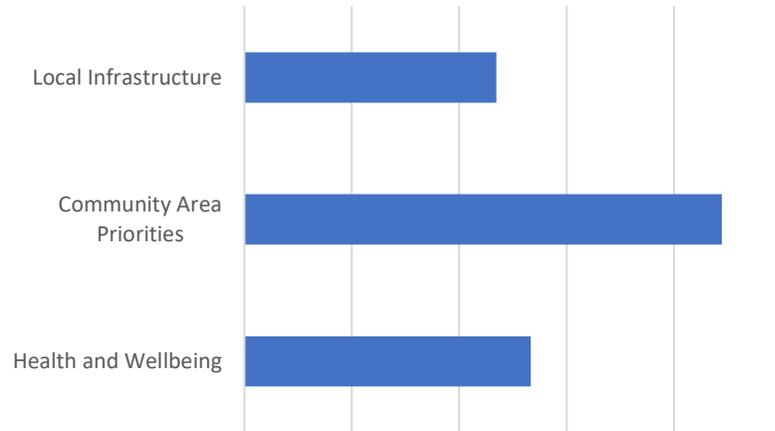
"The last 12 months have been extremely challenging and the Community Board has really enabled us to engage with our community as individuals and as groups.

The whole concept of the Community Board is to work with local people for the benefit of the local people and I want to thank everyone who has been involved and made this happen; you have been the shiny stars during these dark and challenging times."

Olle Arif Hussain

Budget

2020/21 Expenditure Profile



Total budget for
2020/2021
£312,063.00

Project Summaries



Leap Boredom Buster Activity Bags

We identified 3 High Wycombe schools with the highest number of Year 3 children in receipt of free school meals and delivered leap activity bags to the whole year group. This way we avoided stigmatising children and were able to include low income families just outside the criteria to be eligible for free school meals. The bags were delivered during the 2nd lockdown to help children to stay active with limited resources and space.



Samaritans Suicide Prevention Awareness

The Samaritans Suicide Prevention Awareness campaign is a six month project starting on 1st January 2021 which aims to raise awareness of the free mental health support available to those struggling with suicidal thoughts and those close to them including family, friends and colleagues in the High Wycombe Community Board area and reduce incidence of suicide in the town.

Get Involved

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

Key Contacts



Peter Martin
(Chairman)



John Gladwin
(Vice-Chair)



Liz Charleston
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **15,000**
- **18.7%** of the population are under 16
- **25.5%** of the population are over 65
- There are **11** schools in the Board area
- There are **509** clinically extremely vulnerable people in the Board area
- **5%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- Overall crime rate is lower than average
- **7%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **14%** of people have no qualifications
- **37%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **4** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **19** projects funded
- **23%** of budget allocated



Top 5 Successes

1. Wycombe Women's Aid received funding to address increased need during the pandemic. Funding supported 43 children living in a refuge and pay for increased outreach worker hours.
2. Supported the Make Lunch Club in Prestwood to operate during the pandemic, delivering 30 hot lunches during school holidays to vulnerable families.
3. Citizens' Advice received an award which will pay for dedicated support for residents in the Board area. The dedicated caseworker will offer help and advice on housing and debt support for those who need assistance
4. Provided funding for Misbourne Area Youth group which enabled them to continue with on-line group sessions to provide this needed support to young people in the area during the pandemic.
5. An award to Holmer Green Village Society enabled work to start on the conversion of an unused field to a sensory garden which will be constructed by the community for the community with accessible access for all.

Community Board Priorities



Transport & environment



Health & wellbeing



Young people & families



Community safety

Working Groups

Working groups have been set up to address each priority. We have over 30 local residents currently involved, representing the voice of their community and facilitating recognition of the Board locally.

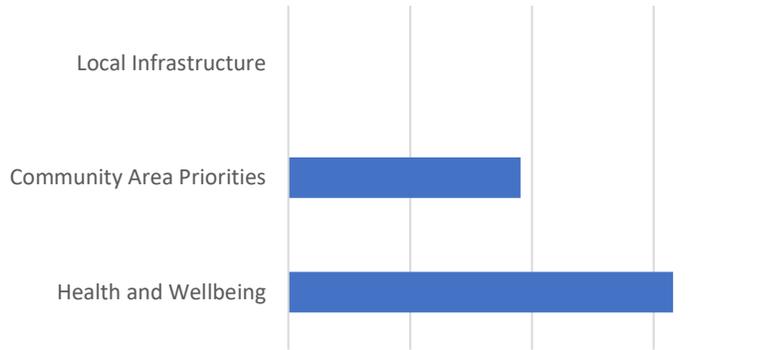
The Young people and Families group are actively recruiting young people to join to ensure that the youth voice is heard in their community

'We have had a challenge to establish the new Board in the midst of the COVID pandemic. This would not have been possible without the great help and support of our community. We have seen the terrific work of our local volunteers during COVID and that spirit has come through in the Community Board. We have already been able to help a number of valuable causes and we are passionate about our work and developing projects that can make a real positive difference for our community.'

- Cllr. Peter Martin

Budget

2020/21 Expenditure profile



Total budget for
2020/2021
£111,045.00

Project Summaries



Holmer Green Garden is being created for the community from a disused field in the village with a lot of the work being carried out by local residents. The garden will contain many different areas including sensory and wildlife sections and will be accessible to all. Ideas for its design were sought from all areas of the community and villagers of all ages are involved.



The Citizens Advice Bureau has seen an increase in the number people seeking help with financial insecurity and who need advice with benefits. Support from the Board will enable a caseworker to dedicate 1 day per week to helping residents in our Board area. They have helped over 40 people with problems ranging from advice on benefits, to support with access to food and housing

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Community Board North West Chilterns

Year 1 – 2020/21

Who's involved?

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



Cllr. Gary Hall
(Chairman)



Cllr. Carl Etholen
(Vice-Chair)



Jackie Binning
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **37,605**
- **18.3%** of the population are under 16
- There are **1,751** clinically extremely vulnerable people.
- **18.7%** of the population are over 65
- There are **18** schools in the Board area
- **9%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is lower than average
- **1%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- Amongst the highest for proportion of adults with dementia
- **16%** of people have no qualifications
- **41%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment
- **83.6%** of people are 'satisfied with their neighbourhood'

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **5** local priorities/ working groups established
- **28** projects funded
- **47.7%** of budget allocated



Top 5 Board Successes

- 1.** Initiated a multi board pilot project with Transitions UK, to mentor and support four young people who are at risk of offending or reoffending.
- 2.** Established an active Environmental subgroup, which includes residents, Climate Action Now groups, Town & Parish Councils and BC Cllrs, all of whom are passionate and experts in this field.
- 3.** Delivered with Bucks Business First the “Be Your Own Boss” programme to train and support 12 individuals who were considering self employment as an alternative to employment.
- 4.** Designed a “Holiday Hunger” project with Active in the Community, aiming at 11-18 year olds on free school meals, to provide physical activities and food education.
- 5.** Partnered with Bucks Community Energy, the board funded the Community Centre in Studley Green to install 30 roof solar panels alongside a scheme for EV charging and heat pumps.

Community Board Priorities



Young and Older People



Transport and Road Issues



Environmental and Climate Change



Crime and Antisocial Behaviour



Economic Regeneration

Working Groups

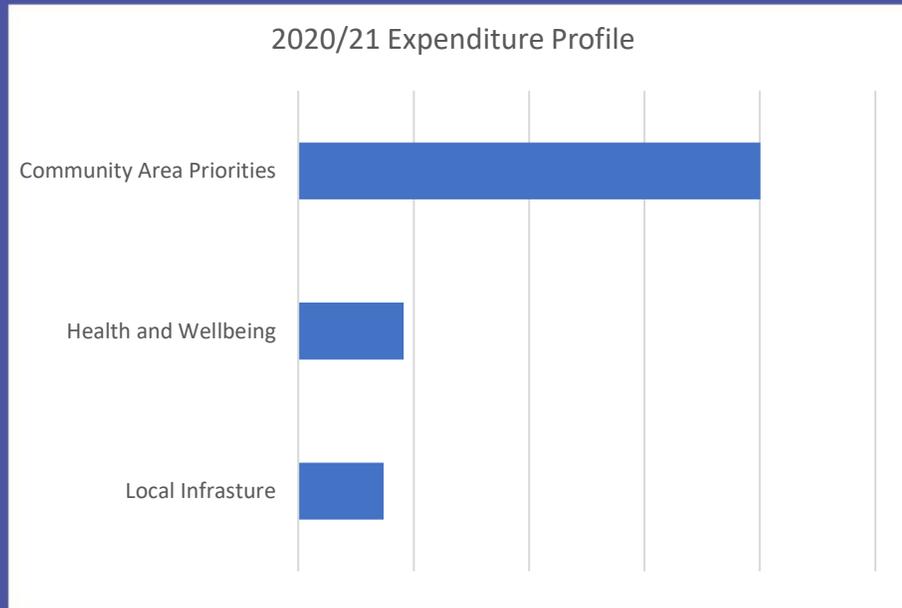
The board set up a working group to address each priority.

Working groups were very proactive and were the driving force in identifying and developing projects.

“I am delighted with the strong progress that our board has made so far despite the obvious current challenges, we have attracted many members of the public who together with the elected members are making very positive contributions to the subgroups and thus helping to improve and shape our communities for the future. Once we are out of the Covid crisis I can see the board being the very pinnacle of local government within our area”.

Cllr. Gary Hall

Budget



Total budget for
2020/2021
£237,023

Project Summaries



The Community Board collaborated with Chilterns Rangers to develop a project which engages with young people from a range of community organisations, to provide a number of conservation activities to enhance habitats and educate individuals. There has been a particular focus on work around the threatened Duke of Burgundy Butterfly in partnership with the Butterfly Conservation.



The Be Your Own Boss programme is part of the Community Board business start up initiative, delivered in partnership with Bucks Business First and funded by the North West Chilterns (NWC) and other Community Boards, helping people develop the skills and meet the contacts they need to give their business idea the best chance of success. 12 individuals will be supported by the NWC.

Get Involved

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Community Board South West Chilterns

Year 1 – 2020/21

Who's involved?

- Buckinghamshire councillors
- Local businesses
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- Residents
- Schools



Key Contacts

Dominic Barnes
(Chairman)



David Watson
(Vice-Chair)



Makyla Devlin
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **37,500**
- **19.9%** of the population are under 16
- **23.2%** of population is 65+ year
- There are **18** schools in the Board area
- **7%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is lower than average across England
- **13%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **16%** of people have no qualifications
- **41%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **3** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **25** projects funded
- **42%** of budget allocated



Top 5 Successes

1. The board were instrumental in the creation of the Chiltern and South Bucks Food Group linking in with the Buckinghamshire Food Partnership.
2. Taking the lead on rural broadband and collaboratively working with North West Chilterns Community Board to work on this project across the areas.
3. Supported the implementation of active travel relating to cycle racks and a quietway in collaboration with residents and partners.
4. Building strong bonds with Statutory Services and local voluntary organisations looking at community initiatives across the Board area.
5. Provided funding for environmental schemes, including Chiltern Rangers on environmental education and Lady Ryder Memorial Garden on a tranquil space for respite in an all abilities garden.

Community Board Priorities



Covid-19 Response and Recovery



Transport, Infrastructure, Reopening of High Streets and Regeneration (including rural broadband)



Supporting Young and Older People



Environmental Issues



Anti Social Behaviour

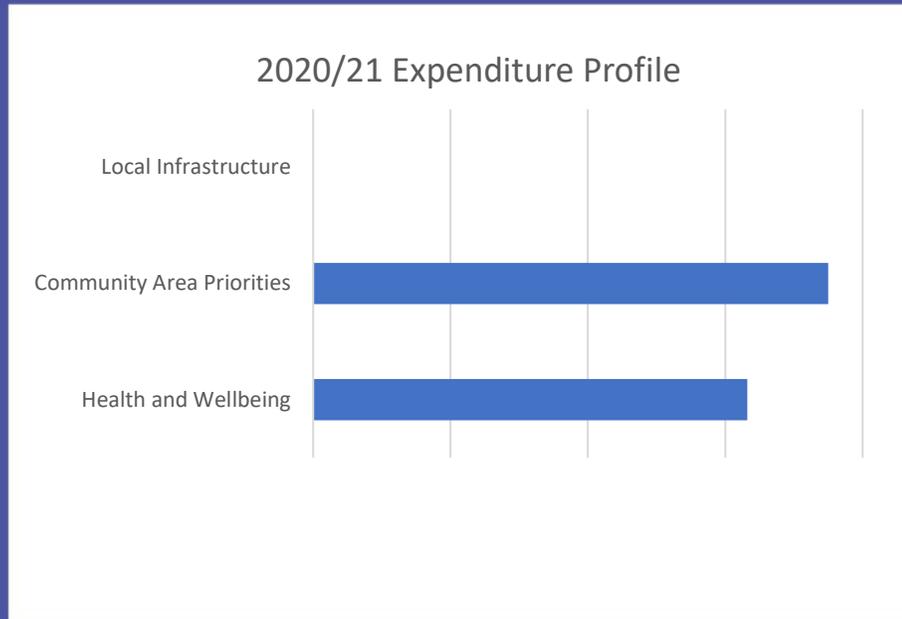
Working Groups

The board set up working groups to address the five priorities. There were two working groups and a workstream for rural Broadband linked in. Each group met on a monthly basis to discuss local issues and project opportunities before researching and recommending to the Board.

“Despite the unprecedented world we are a part of, the Community Boards have been able to make strong connections with local residents, community groups, voluntary and statutory organisations as well as local Councillors and Town and Parish Councils to support local projects and initiatives benefitting those right across the Board area. With continued engagement and collaborative working, the possibilities are endless. An exciting start during challenging times with a positive opportunity to grow and develop during the coming year.”

- Cllr. Dominic Barnes

Budget



Total budget for
2020/2021
£165,237.00

Project Summaries



The Lady Ryder All Abilities garden set within a walled haven will provide an area of tranquillity, learning and engagement for individuals of all abilities. The therapeutic benefits of horticulture, the opportunity for social interaction offers the chance to regain self confidence and self esteem and escape isolation in particular following the pandemic.



Transitions UK Aspire Project offers a mentoring and support service for young people at risk of offending or criminal exploitation or who have offended and are choosing to avoid a future of crime. 4 individuals in our board area will receive this mentoring and support for up to two years.

Get Involved

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Community Board Wendover and Villages

Year 1 – 2020/21

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
- **4** 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 Berton 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

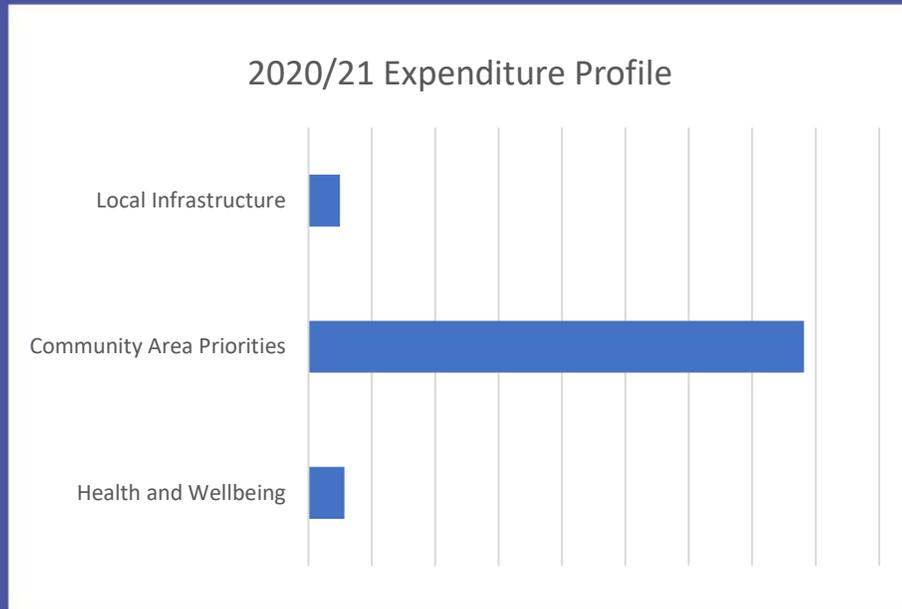
The Community Board created 4 working groups for those areas that there was a focus and drive to have discussions to tackle local issues.

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 Boards 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 Ward

Budget



Total budget for
2020/2021
£596,422

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.

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Year 1 – 2020/21

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



Cllr. Jilly Jordan
(Chairman)

Cllr. Ralph Bagge,
Cllr. Wendy Matthews
(Vice-Chairs)



Alice Williams
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **14,000**.
- **18.7%** of the population are under 16
- There are **594** clinically extremely vulnerable people.
- **18.6%** of the population are over 65
- There are **4** schools in the Board area
- **9%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is higher than average
- **15%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **20%** of people have no qualifications
- **43%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **4** local priorities/ working groups established
- **8** projects funded
- **22.6%** of budget allocated



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Top 5 Board Successes

1. Supported local voluntary organisations and funded the establishment of the Ivers Foodbank to ensure local residents were provided for during the pandemic.
2. Representing the voices of residents on significant infrastructure projects in the area such as the Pinewood Studios tourist attraction.
3. Designed a new parking scheme to improve traffic flow in the area which will be implemented in 2021/22.
4. Built strong working relationships with Thames Valley Police and increased police presence in the area to prevent local crime and antisocial behaviour
5. Provided funding for the Ivers Good Neighbour Scheme to run a vaccination transport scheme. This enabled vulnerable residents to travel out of area for their vaccinations without having to rely on public transport.

Community Board Priorities



Covid-19 Response and Recovery



Transport and Infrastructure



Green Spaces



Community Safety

Working Groups

The board set up a working group to address each priority. In addition an extra working group was established entitled “Pinewood Working Group” to address the planning application submitted by Pinewood Studios and agree on the additional mitigation to be requested by the board. This working group ran from November 2020- February 2021.

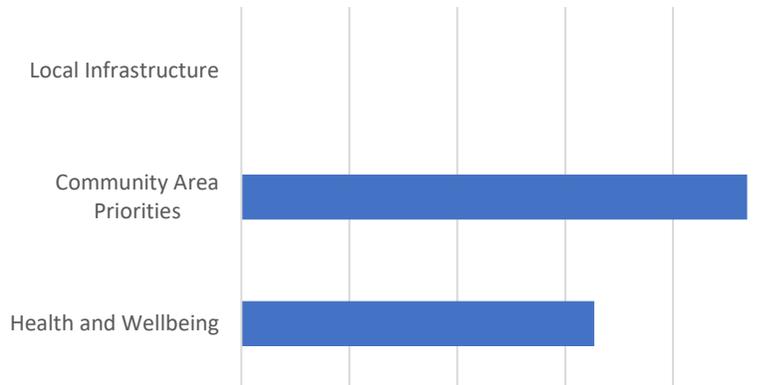
“I am grateful to everyone who has helped to set up our Community Board and for the interest and commitment shown by all the members.

We have several projects in progress. These include community support throughout the pandemic, helping voluntary groups that maintain local amenities and improvements to highways. Working together we have indeed shown that we can achieve significant benefits for all the community.”

- Cllr. Jilly Jordan

Budget

2020/21 Expenditure Profile



Total budget for
2020/2021
£175,951.00

Project Summaries



The Ivers Foodbank-

With match funding from the Community Board, the Ivers Foodbank was established in response to the second national lockdown in November 2020. Working in partnership with the local schools, the foodbank has supported 36 families in need in the local area.



The Ivers Good Neighbours Scheme- Vaccination programme

The Ivers Good Neighbour Scheme applied to the board for Community Crisis funding in order to transport elderly or vulnerable people with no other means of transport to their vaccination appointments out of the local area.

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Community Board Wing and Ivinghoe

Year 1 – 2020/21

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

Cllr Anne Wight
(Chairman)



Cllr Peter Cooper
(Vice-Chair)



Katrina Kelly
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **23,761**
- Number of young people **9338**
- **32%** of children are overweight in year 6 and **34.4%** of adults are obese
- **18.4%** of all adults are physically inactive
- **8.9%** of children are living in poverty
- The overall crime rate is lower than average
- **5th** highest community board for emergency admissions to hospital
- Risk of loneliness is higher in the Wing Ward than some parts of the local town
- **3206** residents living in households at higher risk of food poverty

Community Board Stats

- **5** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **5** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **16** projects funded
- **43%** of budget allocated



Top 5 Successes

- 1.** The board was able to use all of the highways budget for traffic calming schemes whilst saving money for parishes
- 2.** Hundreds of residents supported through national and local lockdowns.
- 3.** Successfully initiated action groups for all priorities which are growing with each meeting, pulling together experience and knowledge to work on projects in a joint fashion
- 4.** Has supported parishes in their environmental projects which include equipment to make spaces both habitable and accessible to residents
- 5.** Has provided outdoor play equipment for children of a variety of ages to safely access in one space

Community Board Priorities



Covid-19 Response and Recovery



Transport and Infrastructure



Environment and Sustainability



Health and Wellbeing for All

Working Groups

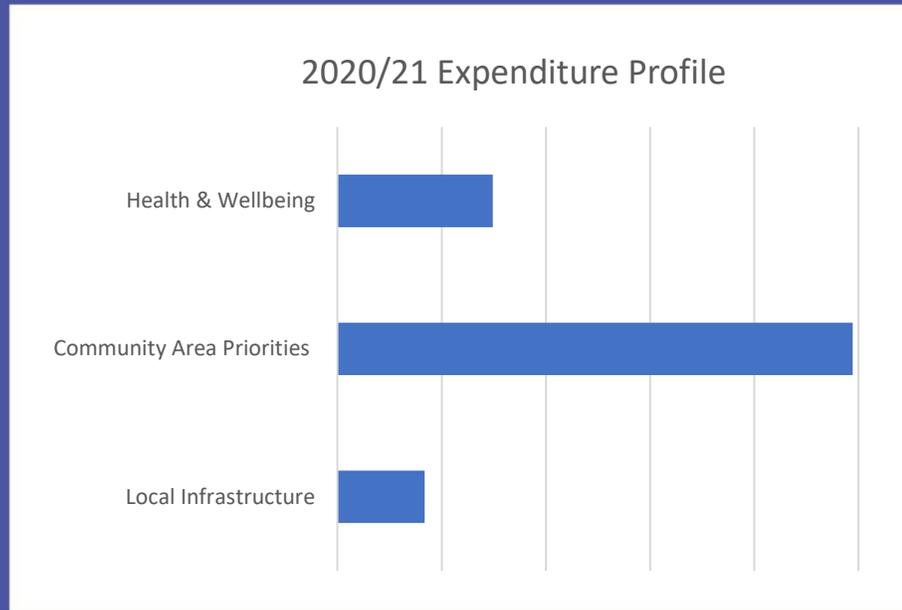
The board set up a working group to address each priority. In addition an extra working group was established entitled “Electric Car Charging” to look at opportunities for electric car charging points in the rural areas of the community.

“As the Chairman of the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board, I am very pleased to say we have hit the ground running. Despite the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic and successive lockdowns, we have managed to create a truly inclusive community ethos which welcomes input from residents all across our 16 unique parish communities.

While we still have a number of challenges ahead, these first few months have already borne some early fruit, and I look forward to seeing how our Community Board develops further over the course of the months and years ahead.”

- Cllr Anne Wight

Budget



Total budget for
2020/2021
£152,978

Project Summaries



Whitchurch Wildlife Group: Encouraging people to talk and work with each other on joint efforts. To be able to make a start, it is important that the wildlife group have access to/ownership of the correct equipment/tools such as gloves, shears and bags. BBOWT are also involved to offer guidance and support on what can be developed so that the tools are used appropriately and safely whilst delivering tangible outcomes.



SAASS are a local sexual abuse support service who will be setting up a pilot crisis counselling service for 14 months, in response to increased need for support services due to Covid-19. Their referral rates have increased significantly with new service users presenting more complex experiences and needs. Many are in crisis following a lockdown in which they experienced traumatic sexual assault and abuse events

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Community Board Winslow and Villages Year 1 – 2020/21

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

Cllr. Sue Renshell
(Chairman)



Cllr. John Chilver
(Vice-Chair)



Leone Dale
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **20,000**
- **3,600** people
- **764** clinically extremely vulnerable
- **4,485** over 65's
- **12** schools
- **6%** of children are living in poverty
- **2%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is lower than average
- **14%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **17%** of people have no qualifications
- **39%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment
- **87.3%** of people are 'satisfied with their neighbourhood'

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **4** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **14** projects funded
- **19.82%** of budget allocated



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Top 5 Successes

1. Assisted in the response to COVID by funding some fantastic local groups such as St Laurence Church who support vulnerable residents/ families in need.
2. Improving valuable local assets such as the Oving Recreation ground and Whaddon Allotments with the aim of decreasing social isolation and increasing activity.
3. Building strong relationships in the community with key organisations such as local councils, VCS, Police and Health in order to the reach of the Board and enable better partnership working .
4. Facilitating community conversations through establishment of 4 Action Groups who focus on Health, Transport, Highways and HS2/EWR in order to develop creative ideas.
5. Contributed to cross-board initiatives such as Crisis Support, Young Carers and Wild Aylesbury Vale in order to be more impactful over a wider geographical area and reaching more residents/ groups.

Community Board Priorities



Improving the Environment



Transport and Road Safety



Health and Wellbeing



Covid-19 Support and Recovery

Working Groups

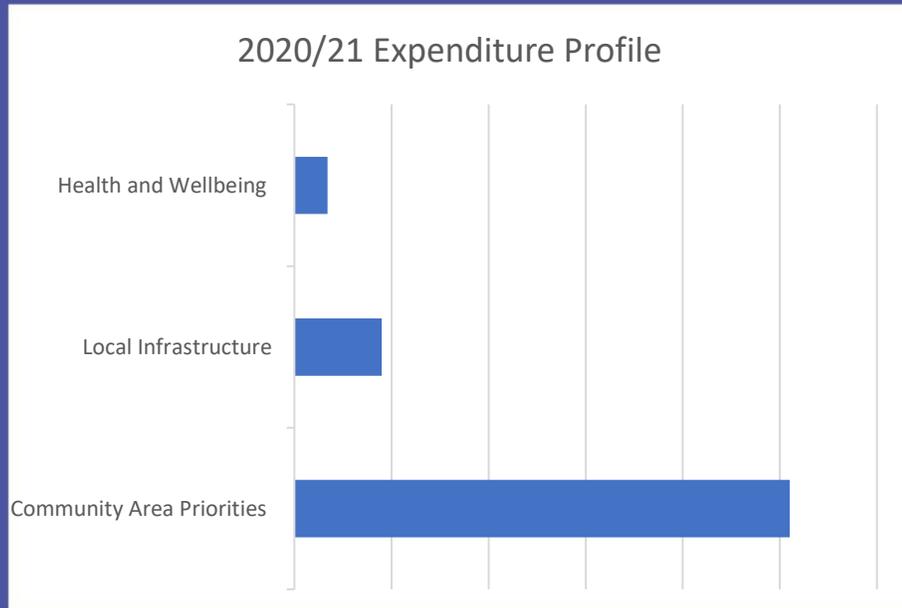
The Community Board has set up 4 working groups which fall under the categories of some of the priorities that were agreed at the initial meeting.

An additional joint working group was established with the other North Community Boards in order to collaborate on issues relating to East West Rail and HS2.

“In the Winslow and Villages Community Board we are fortunate to have a number of fantastic local groups and organisations in the area. We are grateful that we have been able to support community projects that will benefit local people during what has been a very challenging year. It has been heartening to see so much community spirit and we look forward to hearing from you as how we can help you achieve improvements in your local area.”

- Cllr. Sue Renshell

Budget



Total budget for
2020/2021
£319,716

Project Summaries



Whaddon Allotments Accessibility Project

The Community Boards match funded £1,962 along with the Elmer's Charity towards improvements to the allotments as part of a wider project to improve the facilities to enable more residents to make use of it. It is hoped that these improvements will allow for more community growing, food education and social interaction in the village.



St Laurence Food Cupboard

Total of £3,000 funding awarded to supplement donations of food and other essential items to more than 30 families in Winslow, Padbury, Steeple Claydon, Stewkley and other villages. This funding also included Christmas dinner for those that otherwise might not have had one.

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