



# Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

## Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Report - 4th November 2021

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## Introduction

Welcome to our November 2021 Community Board meeting update. The Community Board has been busy identifying projects it wants to develop around health and wellbeing and the environment and awarding funding to local community projects. We've also been having conversations with local organisations who can help deliver these.

Since our June 2021 meeting the following has happened:

- We have 4 Action Groups: Health and Wellbeing, the Environment, Economic Recovery and Highways and all have met at least once.
- We have awarded funding to 22 projects and now most communities within our Community Board have applied for or are in the process of applying for funding.
- We have a bi-monthly newsletter.
- We send out monthly funding updates of projects you have supported and those that want your support.

## November 2021 Community Board meeting

At the November meeting we will be theming our discussions around the topics of the environment and health and wellbeing and are pleased to announce that The Hon Milly Soames, Deputy Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire will be explaining the Queen's Green Canopy which is part of the [Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022](#) celebrations. There are lots of ideas of how local communities can celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and please bring your ideas to the Community Board. Further information can also be found on the Council's website [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee | Buckinghamshire Council](#).

Further to our action group update below, we will be launching our physical activity project which is also a Public Health recommendation for our Community Board. We will also be chatting with the Berryfield Pickers and Waddesdon Wombles litter picking groups and discussing how we can combat litter dropping.

## HS2/East West Rail Working Group

This group continues to meet and has now hosted conversations with both Ministers responsible for HS2 and East West Rail. Meetings continue to be held monthly and presubmitted questions are put to representatives of both infrastructure organisations and their delivery partners as well as to Buckinghamshire Council and Thames Valley Police. Buckinghamshire Council has now appointed Marshalls in the north and south of the County who regularly visit sites and work with both organisations to help identify and resolve issues.

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

## **Update on our Action Groups and priorities**

Our **Environmental Action Group** has met and identified that we want to support more people to cycle by sourcing cycling training and promoting local cycle groups and we are currently in discussion with potential partners. If you know of any local [Bikeability](#) partners or cycling groups near you, please encourage them to get in touch. We also want to fund new and existing litter picking groups with their own equipment. Not only are they doing a great job keeping our communities clean but they provide education on why littering is bad for our environment.

Our **Health and Wellbeing Action Group** also met and identified that we want to help people to get moving and align our priorities with that of our Community Board's Public Health recommendations. We want to promote that any movement is beneficial and so we are looking at working with providers to offer a range of physical activities from allotment plot take up to nature walks, cycling, litter picking as well as showcase local sports providers. By getting involved in group activities like these we can become fitter, do something for our local community and meet new people.

Our **Economic Recovery Action Group** is working with the Council's Economic Development team to help pilot an online shopping directory and more details of this will follow. In the meantime, please encourage your local retailers to email the Community Board Coordinator if they are interested in taking part.

## **Funding**

Please see our funding update, which will be circulated ahead of the November meeting. We have awarded 21% of our budget and applications are coming in all the time. It takes between 4-6 weeks to turn around a funding application dependant on the complexity.

We email out all the projects for you to support and comment on and if you are not included on our distribution list and would like to, please email us.

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

To find out how to get involved, to see the criteria for applying for funds or to put in an application please visit [Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

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