

North West Chilterns Community Board
Environmental and Climate Change Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 3 November 2021

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting in July 2021.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group's priority objectives are to seek schemes and initiatives that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area through improving the built or rural environment and identifying and promoting methods of reversing environmental damage or climate change. Additionally, the Action Group seeks to help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.

Action Group: The Action Group meets monthly. Its agendas cover a mix of policy, strategic and fundraising related matters, many of which have been delegated to the group by the Community Board or raised by local councils, the public or by members of the group.

Recent work has included:

- Identifying suitable locations with Town and Parish Council's for tree planting in streets and public spaces.
- Encouraging involvement in the Jubilee and Queens Green Canopy.
- Meeting with Chiltern Rangers to discuss their Chalks, Cherries and Chairs project and the groups potential involvement.
- Built relations with the Low Carbon Workspaces team who are helping promote the groups project on planting wildflowers in brownfield sites and meadows.
- Continuing to link in with Buckinghamshire Community Energy. We are currently supporting a potential solar panel project in Speen which may prove to be a funding opportunity.

Projects planned and actions going forward

- Supporting Downley Parish Councils application in the Queens Green Canopy Project.
- Will look at promoting the safety issues around the use of lithium batteries.
- Liaising with the Chiltern Society on the restoration work of the Whiteleaf Cross and car park.
- Exploring support for the Prince's Centre's plan to install solar panels on its building.
- Chiltern Rangers to submit their Pollinator Patches proposal which includes planting wildflower seeds from school, then to home and a public space.
- Researching other possible project opportunities.

Chairman: Cllr Robert Carington

North West Chilterns Community Board
Community Resilience Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 3 November 2021

Purpose: This report is a brief overview of this new group which is a combination of the previous young and older people and crime and anti-social behaviour priorities, now joined and renamed as the Community Resilience Action Group.

Priority Objectives: The new Action Group is combining the viewpoints from the previous young and older and crime and anti-social themes, looking across the broad range of ideas and adding new ones which will connect both boundaries. The group will focus on:

- Road safety around antisocial behaviour (this may at times link with the Transport and Road Issues Action Group).
- Drug issues within County lines, drug trafficking in rural and urban areas.
- Matters around exploitation, including domestic violence, modern slavery, young person's grooming, and school children used as drug runners or mules.
- Solutions around coms and scams.
- Matters around rural crime. Farms or small holdings having machinery or animals stolen. Dogs off leads causing huge problems.
- Training and educating young people who are at risk of offending/reoffending.
- Issues around social isolation and loneliness.
- Issues for young children from deprived families.
- Any adhoc funding application in relation to Community Resilience.

Action Group: Meetings will be held every two months, the first one was held on 9th September. During this meeting the above objectives were agreed and project ideas were discussed. Future meetings will cover a mix of policy, strategic and fundraising related matters.

Progress since the first meeting:

- The group have voted on the project ideas that were tabled during the September meeting. The group have submitted their preferences on the ones they consider should be supported, promoted and/or potentially funded.
- Our next meeting is on 17th November. Arrangements have been made for the following to attend in addition to the key group:
 - Inspector Steve Bobbett from Thames Valley Police (TVP) to provide information/data on crime/antisocial behaviour within the North West Chilterns. We will also decide how the Community Board can link with TVP going forward.
 - Pei-Ling Harper from Trading Standards (TS) to give an update on TS and also to agree how the board can work with TS in the future.
 - Nana Oguntola from Junior Film Makers will be presenting a camp she runs around knife crime which could be a potential project idea.

The film camps she holds provide filmmaking training to young people whilst helping them think about and create messages to deter other young people from becoming engaged in knife crime.

On completion of the film, all schools in the board area will have access to it and will be able to discuss with students with a view to encouraging dialogue and prevention.

Projects planned and actions going forward

- Projects have not been agreed as yet but the top three will be during the November meeting together with the following:
 - The partner organisations we wish to work with to help deliver (where appropriate)
 - A programme of work for each – action plans to be drawn up.
 - Those in the group that wish to be involved in each project.

Chairman: Cllr Valerie McPherson BEM

North West Chilterns Community Board
Economic Regeneration Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 3 November 2021

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting in July 2021.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group's priority objectives are:

- to support recovery after Covid-19
- regeneration – to encourage pubs (including community assets) and businesses (large and small) to be diverse and interesting
- to innovate 'start up' businesses
- to promote retailers and market traders to work together
- to promote innovation around people transformation
- to consider gigabit broadband to villages in the community
- to consider any adhoc application in regards to economic regeneration

Action Group: The Action Group meets regularly. Its agendas cover a mix of policy, strategic and fundraising related matters, to support businesses, organisations and individuals by evaluating their needs to improve economic competitiveness and prosperity.

Recent work has included:

- Meeting with Jacqueline Ford, Senior Economic Development Officer, to discuss potential projects which meet the criteria of the Welcome Back Fund.
- Meeting with Risborough Basket to review the extension of their service to other areas of the North West Chilterns.
- Investigating sources of data that evidence the needs of local business, organisations and individuals.
- Reviewing the issues and needs of gigabit broadband within the board area.

Projects planned and actions going forward:

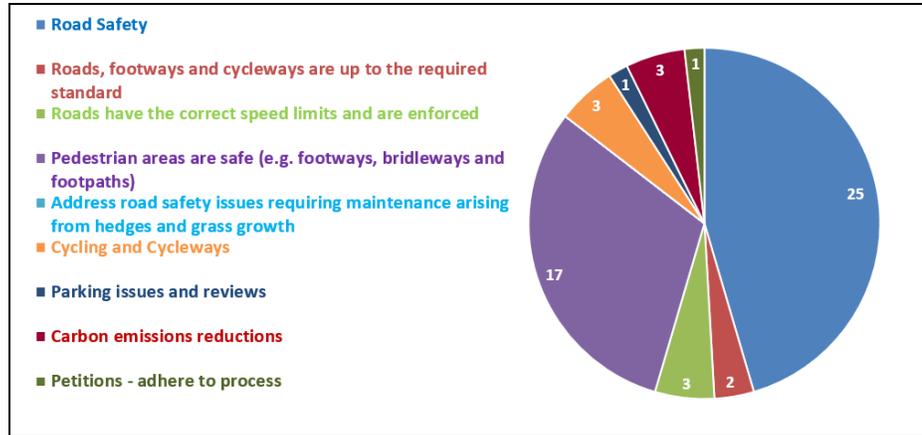
- To investigate projects and events that fall outside the remit of the Welcome Back Fund which could instead be supported by the Community Board.
- To progress with Risborough Basket the opportunity to further their service to other areas of the board.
- To link with Bucks Business First (BBF) on various potential multi board projects (more information will be provided by BBF during our group meeting on 27th October).
- To link with Visit Buckinghamshire on promoting tourism within the North West Chilterns.
- To research other possible project opportunities.

Chairman: Cllr Matthew Walsh

**Community Board – North West Chilterns
Transport and Road Issues Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 3 November 2021**

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 20th July 2021.

Priority Objectives: The Actions Group’s work is focused on finding ways to improve the local community’s experience of the transport and road network in the NWC area. The Group’s specific priority objectives have evolved and are shown opposite including the number of requests receive this year:



Action Group: The Action Group meets monthly. It’s agendas covers a mix of operational and policy related matters, many of which have been delegated to the Group by the Community Board or raised by local councils, the public or by members of the Group.

Recent work has included:

- Raising the profile and importance of the suggested A4010 Strategy.
- Creation of a map of cycling/cycleway priorities to assist the Council’s work on a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Buckinghamshire.
- Informing discussions with Chiltern Rail on specific rail service improvements.
- Commenting on HS2 Road Safety Fund applications.
- Making recommendations to the appropriate decision makers within Buckinghamshire Council on issues raised with the action group (e.g. in Petitions, by local Council’s etc).

Projects planned (if any):

- A possible area transport strategy for the North West Chilterns.

Actions going forward:

- Discussions with Network Rail about road safety at West Wycombe Railway Bridge.
- Discussions with BC officers/Members on (i) HS2 impact in the Terrick/Kimble area (ii) funding for cycling improvements (iii) A4010 maintenance priorities.
- Discussions on Sustainable Transport to Railway Stations.

Chairman: Jim Stevens