

Introduction

The Missendens Community Board covers the Parish Council areas of great Missenden and Little Missenden and includes the villages of Great Missenden, Prestwood, Holmer Green, Little Kingshill, Little Missenden, South Heath, Hyde Heath, Hyde End and Ballinger Common

This action plan sets out how Missendens Community Board will work with the community to address community priorities and take action on local issues.

The Board will support the Council's corporate priorities including areas of focus around the Environment and Economic Regeneration. In addition to this, the board will engage with Community Groups and Organisations, Businesses, Residents, Town and Parish Councils etc. to understand locally driven priorities.

General Aims

- To develop good working relationships with the community to better understand and address local issues
- To understand what is important to the community board area
- To develop action groups to explore key areas of focus and identify how to take action as a community
- To identify opportunities and projects that meet the community board priorities for funding
- To promote the community board and the community board fund to the local community and encourage engagement
- To support the council in delivering strategic priorities at a local level
- To raise the profile of the Community Board

Community Board Priorities

Improving the environment

Climate Change is everyone's business and we need to encourage more people to take ownership and responsibility of their own actions. As a group we will support projects in the local area which promote education and awareness of climate change issues and encourage a behaviour change of residents, businesses, community groups and organisations. The key to success is working together, being bold and trialling new initiatives and learning from successful projects in other areas.

Supporting Economic Recovery

Communities have suffered through Covid, and this has exasperated some of the issues within our local economy across Bucks. There are many areas that affect the strength of our economy and we wish to support various projects, such as those that aim to improve the attractiveness and accessibility of the area, helping to increase footfall in the villages and town centre or perhaps projects that aim to help local people develop new skills or support them through financial difficulties.

Health and Wellbeing

We have a diverse community, and there are many ways in which our health and wellbeing can be impacted upon. We want to support projects that target some of the key issues highlighted in our Public Health profile. This could include supporting our ageing population with physical health or social isolation and loneliness, as well as projects targeted towards mental health or local facilities available to young people and families.

Young People and Families

We want to support young people and families in our area to thrive and prosper. We will support projects and initiatives that help us to understand and address the needs of our young people and families. We are particularly interested in hearing directly from young people, local partners, organisations, and community groups about the ideas they have and how we can support local people to deliver innovative projects in our area.

Community Safety

We want our communities to feel safe. We will work closely with our local partners to understand community safety issues and concerns in the area and innovative solutions to address these. We want to support local projects that target key issues within the area.

Transport and Highways

The remit of Community Boards does not stretch to the maintenance of our roads, and therefore we would like to focus our efforts on identifying and resolving issues related to road safety in a proactive way which could include areas of concern such as speeding and on-street parking near schools.

Key aims for the board and the projects being explored and developed by the board and our action groups are highlighted below. These may evolve as project ideas come forward. We welcome ideas and project proposals from local residents, partners, community groups and local businesses that support our priority areas.

Aim	Action	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
Community Board Development				
Raise the profile and awareness of the board locally to promote inclusive and active participation from a wide range of local partners and residents	Develop a communications and engagement plan.			
	Set up a newsletter for the board and schedule of dates for further releases and encourage sign up to it.	November	Community Board Coordinator	First Newsletter to be published ahead of next formal meeting on 25 November.
	Identify engagement event opportunities to attend and promote the board and Develop package of information to take to events (including pull-up banners and printed material) – Details to be included in comms plan.	Ongoing	Liz Charleston	
	Utilise FB and set up schedule for updating Facebook page to ensure local residents and community groups are aware of community board activity and how to get involved.	Ongoing	Liz Charleston	weekly. Monday mornings 2/3 posts to be scheduled each week

	Engage with local publications to promote the work of the boards (linked to comms plan)			
Develop good working relationships with local stakeholders and the community to understand local issues and develop, deliver, support projects to address local needs	Set up action groups and task/finish groups to explore key areas of focus and identify how to take action as a community.	September	Liz Charleston/Chair	
	Identify opportunities and projects that meet the community board priorities for funding			
	Utilise and work with existing groups to deliver projects	Ongoing	Liz Charleston/ Chair and VC	
	Regular Liaison with community groups, town and parish councils to work in partnership to develop and support project ideas and opportunities for collaboration.		Liz C/Chair and VC	
Theme: Improving the environment				
Understand local issues & work with local stakeholders to identify projects to address them	Set up action group and invite key community groups	September/October	Liz Charleston	
	Promote the action group to the wider community and invite ideas	Ongoing		
To support projects that increase biodiversity (possibly in conjunction with other CBs)	Develop Bee Squared Project – wild flower project. Investigate how we can link with other CBs to minimise cost and to	Spring 2022	Christopher Black/Catherine Bunting	Chris is progressing the project, meeting with other Comm Board reps to use existing model

	use (where possible) an existing model for participation			
	Develop Bee friendly schools competition Engage schools	End Sept 2021	Christopher Black	Funding app submitted
	Funding application	Complete	Christopher Black	Complete
	Organise Environmentalist for school workshop visits.	Oct 2021	Catherine Bunting	In progress, dependent on funding being approved
	Work with partners to identify local groups who could work with the project to build the winning gardens (exploring with Missenden's Walled Garden Charity).	Jan 2022	Catherine Bunting	In progress, dependent on funding being approved
To support local initiatives that educate, raise awareness and encourage behaviour change within the local communities to help improve our local environment and have a positive impact on climate change.	Set up Climate Café and run a pilot To support the development of a local environment network that can bring local people together to drive forward community initiatives and projects.	Complete	Catherine Bunting	Pilot very successful, Catherine will work up funding application for regular meeting costs and opportunities to bring in workshops and other education programmes into the café model.
	Support the development of a Train the Trainer programme for people with learning disabilities and suffering from poor mental	September	Kyle Banks and Liz Charleston	Complete and funding awarded.

	wellbeing - at the Missenden Walled Garden.			
To support GMVA village improvements, enhancing the village and town centres through designs that benefit the environment.	Great Missenden Village green Space Design (see Economic Recovery) Application in for seed funding for building an attractive garden space in the village centre	Complete	Liz Charleston	Approved
	Meet with project leads and PC	Complete	Liz Charleston/Peter Martin/Louise Proudlove/Mop Denison/Anne Hewett/Mike Johnstone	Meeting took place in September 2021, ideas are taking shape and awaiting funding approval to take to a contractor for quote for formal work so that additional funding can be applied for
	Application for project funding	Ongoing	Louise/Mop	Dependent on results of planning sessions
To support GMPRG village improvements	Dependent on planning application for housing and works to Station Approach in Great Missenden	Ongoing	Carole Eaden and GMPRG	No update

Theme: Economic Development & Regeneration				
Board understands local issues & actively engages with partners to problem solve and collaborate	Establish Action Group to understand priorities and project ideas Promote the Action Group and recruit lead for group and encourage membership and participation.	November	Liz Charleston	
	Explore opportunities to join up with neighbouring CB's to identify and deliver projects.			
To work in partnership with key stakeholders and residents to identify improvements for Prestwood Village and support projects to address these.	Work with key stakeholder and Convene meeting understand key needs and issues and identify innovative partner solutions to help improve the village for local people. Support projects that support community development in the area.	October	Caroline Green/Liz Charleston	Possible stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paradigm • Rothschild Foundation • Volunteer it Yourself • Fran Mclean • Other youth groups – Scouts? • Heart of Bucks • Holy Trinity Church • Resident Association • PC
	Great Missenden Village Green Space Redesign – Support the Design Phase. Initial project will			

Support projects that help improve town and village centres and generate footfall	enable additional works to take place which will enhance the village, encouraging people to stay, visits from cyclists etc all of which will help regenerate the village centre. Schemes will be environment friendly (linked to environment theme)			
	Work with existing websites such as Visit Bucks to promote local activities and events			
	Explore themed market days to attract a wider clientele to the area			
	Look into feasibility of local loyalty card schemes			
	Explore opportunities to work with Bucks Business First to help support businesses, skills and employment in the local area to improve the local economy.			
Improve accessibility in villages and town centres	Explore locations for additional cycle racks to help encourage more sustainable travel, ease congestion of cars, and free up parking space			

	Explore wayfinding signage and community notice boards			
	Investigate schemes with Bucks Business First helping local businesses to become more accessible		Cross board applications	
	Explore opportunities to support projects that were not funded by the Welcome Back Funding	October	Caroline/Donna Wilkinson	

Theme: Transport and Highways				
Explore projects to fund using 25% allowance	Work with TfB to progress Community Board Transport Schemes Set up action group to meet 3 times a year Schedule series of meetings with Unitary Members and parking/TfB to agree on priority schemes	Sept/October	Liz Charleston	
Address concerns of speeding in local areas	Carry out further investigation into speeding petition in little Mlssenden – find out costs for TfB investigations and fund these works to be carried out.		Liz Charleston	Complete

	Help address the speeding and safety concerns around Little Missenden School – support purchase of MVAS	August	Liz Charleston and PC	Funding provided.
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Theme: Health and Wellbeing				
Understand local issues & identify projects to address them working in partnership with local stakeholders.	Re-engage with action group and invite additional members	August	LC	Complete
	Promote the action group to the wider community and invite ideas	Ongoing	LC	
	Work with Environment group to promote Climate Cafe		LC/Catherine Buntin and Colin V	
	Investigate possibility of setting up a Men's Shed			
	Work with Youth group to look at support for self-harming young people such as Mental Health training in schools.	October	LC/Colin V	
Help improve the physical and mental wellbeing of our residents	Review the Public Health profile recommendations and identify key projects that the CB could develop, deliver or support in the local area in partnership with key stakeholders. Schedule meeting to discuss PH profile with Action group/CB.	October/November	Liz Charleston/ Action group Lead	

Community Safety				
Understand local issues and work in partnership with local stakeholders and the police to identify interventions to address these.	Link in with BC Community Safety to look at potential issues in the area and projects the CB could support.	September		

Young People				
Understand the key issues facing young people in our community and explore and support their ideas and projects to help address these.	Work with Health & Wellbeing group to look at support for self-harming young people			
	<p>Arrange a forum to discuss a survey for young people</p> <p>Explore surveys and approaches used by other CB's to get the views of young people and work with key partners to develop and deliver.</p>	September/October 2021	Colin Veysey	