



Welcome to the first edition of the Missendens Community Board Newsletter, where you can find out what's going on in your local area and how to get involved!

Who's involved?

Chair: Cllr Peter Martin

Vice Chair: Mimi Harker

Coordinator: Liz Charleston

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Online: Visit our [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#)

Key Dates:

Next Community Board Meeting will be on **25 November at 7pm** via Teams. If you would like to come along to hear more about the activity the board is supporting, or suggest new ideas or project proposals then please email us for the details of how to join – we would love to see lots of local people and organisations.



'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

Local voices, local choices, local action

Community Boards are all about bringing Buckinghamshire Council, community groups and residents together to improve local areas and everyone is invited to get involved, suggest ideas and work collaboratively to make a real difference.

Since they were set up last year, the boards have made great strides in forging strong relationships with local communities, listening to and engaging with local people to understand what matters most to them and working together with them to deliver projects to benefit their local communities.

The Missendens Community Board covers the geographical areas of the Parish Councils of Great Missenden and Little Missenden. You can check here if you live in our area.

Funding for local community projects up for grabs

Do you have a great idea for a community initiative that will benefit local people but just needs the funds to get it off the ground?

Or maybe you have a successful community project that you'd like to expand or develop?

The Missendens Board is keen to hear from local people about projects and ideas they may have – we have funds available to support projects that meet the agreed priorities for our area. That could be anything from health and wellbeing, youth initiatives, community safety, improving the environment or supporting economic recovery.

If you have an idea for funding email missendenscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk and include:

- A short description of your project
- If you have an idea of the costs involved, provide an estimate
- If you have identified other sources of contributory funding, let us know



All the latest from your area

In an exciting first year, we have supported a whole range of projects including ...

- Creation of a sensory garden in Holmer Green
- Support for Citizens Advice to provide a debt counsellor for our area
- Funding for Missendens Walled Gardens to enable them to put in place a 'Train the Trainer' scheme which will help them become less reliant on funding for training in the future
- Bee Friendly Garden Design competition for local schools, focusing on the environment and supporting the pollinators in our gardens



Getting Involved...

We have a number of action groups and welcome new members who can help inform and deliver our projects. You don't need to sign up for life! Let us know if you have ideas for projects in the following areas and want to come along to a future meeting...

Environment

We are already working on some exciting projects, thinking about the climate crisis and making the environment more attractive for important pollinators:

Ecoliteracy Board

- Has been installed on the Prestwood Scouts hut in Prestwood Common
- Is designed to help us remember the impact of littering in the Natural World

Bee Friendly School Garden Competition

- We are collaborating with schools in the Parish to who will be participating
- A local ecologist will be presenting at each participating school in January.
- Designs will be evaluated in April 2022 and prizes awarded

Bee Squared Initiative

- We at the Missendens Environment Action Group are working with teams from Hazlemere, High Wycombe, Chesham and Amersham on an initiative to involve the public in broadening our county pollinator corridors to help our pollinators thrive.
 - This project is expected to run in March - April 2022
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Economic Regeneration

How can we help our community and local businesses get back on their feet? Work with us on ideas for increasing footfall and the offer for the community

Health & Wellbeing

What can we do to improve the health of our community? Support for the mental health of young people? Better access to fitness facilities? Support in the community for people living with dementia? We would love to hear your thoughts!

Community Safety

We have great links with the Police and Community Forum. We work with Neighbourhood Watch and the Street Associations to make our community a safer place.

Young People and Families

We want to hear the voice of the younger members of our community so that we can help provide and facilitate projects that meet those needs. We can even support young people in running their own projects.



VCSE Support Service

We are here to **help** new ideas get off the ground, and support charities and community groups **thrive** and **grow**.



New support for voluntary & community organisations in Buckinghamshire

Does your charity or voluntary group need help to thrive and grow? A new service offering support, guidance and training to charities, voluntary and community groups and social enterprises (not-for-profit groups) is now available.

Delivered by local charity Community Impact Bucks and funded by Buckinghamshire Council, the VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) Support Service provides free help with all aspects of running a charity or voluntary group including starting up, leadership, funding, and volunteer recruitment and management, with priority given to those with income of less than £100,000. Tailored support ensures each organisation can get the help that they need.

Getting support is easy: to get help for your organisation or, if you know of an organisation that would benefit from our support, fill in the short request form and a member of the Support team will be in touch.

Bucks Adult Learning - Courses available throughout November...

...covering a range of topics that include managing stress and anxiety, improving your wellbeing and employability skills workshops. These can also be found on our [website](#).

We have also added lots of new courses to our distance learning provision (see link below), which offer a range of subjects to improve your employability skills or develop your personal skills and professional knowledge. They are available to yourselves and work colleagues, as



well as to your claimants. Anyone that is interested in enrolling onto one of these courses will first need to complete a short English assessment.

For more information visit the distance learning [webpage](#).



If you have news and updates you would like us to share in the next edition, contact us by 31st January 2022



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