

Action Plan

Introduction:

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

The Wexham and the Ivers Community Board covers the areas of Wexham, Iver Village, Iver Heath and Richings Park. The aim of the Board is to improve outcomes for residents through ensuring strong connections between Buckinghamshire Council and the local community. This will be achieved by ensuring that Board members are able to make recommendations on local issues, and that they can influence the Council's service design and delivery in the local area. The Board will also work in partnership with a range of local stakeholders to find solutions to local concerns.

Aims:

- *To develop good working relationships with the community to 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*

Community Board Priorities

- **Environment and Green Spaces** *(council area of focus for 2021/22)*
 - o *Planters at various locations in the Ivers and Wexham Parishes.*
 - o *Wildflower planting on verges*
 - o *Community cleanup/ Anti littering campaign*

- **Economic Recovery** (council area of focus for 2021/22)
 - o Upskilling / developing employability skills
 - o Developing the high street (collaborating with Welcome Back to Bucks initiative)

- **Highways and Infrastructure**
 - o The Ivers Parking Scheme
 - o The Ivers Active Travel Strategy

- **Health and Wellbeing**
 - o Mental wellbeing projects with schools
 - o Keeping active schemes- (LEAP/ GLL)
 - o Community Grow and Cook
 - o NHS Healthchecks

Aim	Action	Date/ Deadline	Lead	Progress update (include date)
<i>Develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues</i>	<i>Set up a newsletter and facebook page to ensure local residents and community groups are aware of community board activity and how to get involved</i>	N/A	Alice Williams	
	<i>Develop a communications and engagement plan</i>	N/A	Alice Williams	
	<i>Meetings with community groups, town and parish councils</i>	N/A	Alice Williams	

<i>Understand local issues</i>	<i>Identify the priority areas of focus for the board area</i>	N/A	The board	
	<i>Discussions in action groups on local issues, agenda items on Community Matters</i>	N/A	The board	
Theme: Improving the environment				
<i>Understand local issues</i>	<i>Set up action group and invite key community groups</i>	N/A		
	<i>Wildflower planting on the grass verges</i>			Sites have been discussed by the group in collaboration with the LAT. Awaiting funding application. 17/01/2022
<i>Address the problem of littering in the community board area</i>	<i>Schools Anti Littering Poster Competition</i>	May 2022	Environment and Green Spaces Working Group	School poster design competition is in final stages of project plan, in collaboration with LAT, waste team and comms. Awaiting final quotes to submit

				funding application to the board 17/01/2021
Theme: Economic Recovery				
<i>Improve skills and opportunities for young people in the area</i>	<i>Delivery of the Ivers Hub</i>		The Ivers Parish Council	Application approved by the board. 12/10/2021
	<i>Working with partnership organisations such as BBF and Bucks Adult learning to deliver digital skills and employability workshops.</i>		The Ivers Parish Council	
<i>Work with organisations to improve footfall in the town centres</i>	<i>Work with Donna Wilkinson to develop ideas to improve the highstreet, including use of the Welcome Back to Bucks fund.</i>		Economic Recovery Working Group	On going contact with Donna Wilkinson regarding Christmas highstreet activity. 12/10/2021
	<i>Provide local businesses with the opportunity to use the Ivers Hub.</i>		The Ivers Parish Council	

Theme: Transport and Highways				
<i>Work with TfB to progress Community Board Transport Schemes</i>	<i>Schedule discussions with relevant Town and Parish Councils to relay any issues or queries they may have</i>			
	<i>The Ivers Parking Scheme</i>			PID due before end of financial year to be agreed by the board. 17/01/2021
	<i>The Ivers Active Travel</i>			Working with Ben Feeney-North to consult on strategies and develop improvement ideas. 17/01/2021
Theme: Health and Wellbeing				
<i>Provide health and wellbeing activities in the local area</i>	<i>Work in partnership with GLL to deliver suitable activities in the local area.</i>			GLL worked with group to suggest ideas for activities. Submitted application for dementia friendly exercise classes.

				17/01/2021
	<i>Bucks Mind to deliver mental health projects in schools</i>			Infant Mental Health project agreed by board. 20/09/2021
	<i>NHS Healthchecks</i>			Worked with Live Well Stay Well to add additional free NHS health checks, operating from local community buildings. Service to be promoted locally. 17/01/2021