



## Community Board Beeches

### Beeches Community Board Action Plan 2022-23

#### Introduction:

The Beeches Community Board covers the parishes of Burnham, Dorney, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges and Taplow. 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.

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

#### 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, and to actively seek out local organisations that can deliver these projects in partnership with the Board
- To promote the Community Board and Community Board funding to the local community and encourage engagement
- To support the council in delivering strategic priorities at a local level

#### Community Board Priorities:

- **Improving the environment** (*council area of focus for 2021/22*)



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- Support tree and wildflower planting across the Board area
- Discourage the use of single use plastics
- Support active travel schemes
- Reduce litter in public areas and encourage recycling
- **Supporting Economic Recovery** (*council area of focus for 2021/22*)
  - Encourage residents to use local high streets and businesses
  - Work with businesses to reduce their carbon footprint
  - Explore projects to support businesses become more accessible
  - Explore projects to support residents improve their skills and employability
- **Infrastructure & Highways**
  - Improving road safety
  - Supporting active travel
- **Wellbeing**
  - Identify projects which can support residents to improve their mental wellbeing
  - Identify and support projects targeted at increasing physical activity
  - Combat loneliness and social isolation
  - Expand intergenerational projects

Aim	Action	Date/ Deadline	Lead	Progress update (include date)
Develop good working relationships with the community to	Set up a quarterly newsletter and Facebook page to ensure local	30/09/21	Coordinator	September newsletter published online 20.09.21



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understand and address local issues	residents and community groups are aware of Community Board activity and how to get involved			<p>Newsletter in development April 2022 – for distribution in May.</p> <p>Facebook page growing slowly but needs more scheduled posts.</p> <p>Facebook page has 191 followers April 2022 – further promotion to be part of refreshed communications plan</p>
	Develop a communications and engagement plan	30/10/21	Coordinator	Plan in development, to be shared with Comms lead October 2021.
	Meetings with community groups, town and parish councils	30/10/21	Coordinator/Buckinghamshire Councillors	<p>Coordinator attended one in person meeting at each Parish Council during September/October. Councillors to promote the Board when attending Parish meetings.</p> <p>Meetings held with new Clerks at Burnham, Dorney and Taplow.</p>



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	New coordinator to meet with all clerks	26/04/22	Coordinator	Meeting held 21/04/22 – to become a regular occurrence
	Engage with local publications to promote the work of the boards	30/10/21	Coordinator	Updates have previously been circulated in The Farnhams magazine and Stoke Poges News.  Coordinator to ask local parish publications to include link to newsletter update in May 2022.
Understand local issues	Attend local events in person	Ongoing	Coordinator/Localism Team/Board Members	Attended first in person community event at Burnham Family Centre summer day August 2021.  Identify other community events to attend throughout the year.
	Attend Almost the Donkey Derby event to meet residents and partners	28/05/22	Coordinator/Councillors	Stall booked; gazebo and publicity materials reserved; staff/Councillor rota in development
	Identify the priority areas of focus for the board area	31/04/22	Coordinator/Localism Team	<del>Community Board event to be held in April 2022 – should involve some community engagement to help</del>



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				<p><del>identify areas of focus.</del> Supporting Burnham Beeches Rotary Club to deliver Almost the Donkey Derby event</p> <p>Residents' survey in development across all Community Boards to gather feedback on local priorities and issues.</p>
	Discussions in action groups on local issues, agenda items on Community Matters	Ongoing	Chairman/Action Group Chairmen	<p>Action groups established for 2021-22 and have met at least once by October 2021.</p> <p>All Community Board meetings to include an item on community matters and invite local residents to raise issues.</p> <p>Number, focus and priorities of Action Groups to be reviewed at Community Board meeting 26/04/22</p>



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Theme: Improving the environment				
Understand local issues	Set up action group and invite key community groups	30/08/21	Coordinator	Action group established and met for the first time in July.  Coordinator/action group members to promote the group and identify other stakeholders who may wish to attend going forward.
	Hold a themed community board meeting	30/01/22	Chairman/Coordinator	Planning for January Board meeting to be themed around environment.
Address the problem of littering in the community board area	Explore installation of information boards showing the time taken for items to biodegrade	30/12/21	Action Group	Discussed at Action Group September 2021.
	Explore the possibility of installing "ballot box" style litter bins in local parks/open spaces	30/12/21	Action Group	Discussed at Action Group September 2021.



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Discourage the use of single use plastics	Work with local parish councils to explore how water fountains could be installed in community spaces	30/12/21	Action Group	Discussed at Action Group September 2021.
Encourage biodiversity in local green spaces	Identify areas where wildflowers could be introduced on roadside verges	31/12/21	Action Group	Discussed at Action Group September 2021.
	Explore options for "rewilding" local green spaces or planting wildflower meadows	30/03/21	Action Group	Discussed at Action Group September 2021.
	Identify areas that would be suitable for tree planting and explore the possibility of new community orchards	30/03/21	Action Group	Discussed at Action Group September 2021.



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Theme: Economic Recovery				
Encourage more visitors to local high streets	Explore how parking issues can be addressed and investigate whether charges could be reduced to improve footfall	30/12/21	Action Group	Discussed at Action Group September 2021.  Parking Services asked for feasibility of free parking periods – confirmation received. Awaiting costings for Jennery Lane, Neville Court and The Broadway – March 2022
	Work with local business associations to explore the introduction of a “shop local” loyalty card/discount card scheme	30/12/21	Action Group	Discussed at Action Group September 2021.  Burnham Loyalty Card scheme introduced locally. Community Board liaising with Economic Development team regarding promotional banners February 2022





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Improve skills of local young people and unemployed people	Investigate local data to identify where skill gaps exist	30/12/21	Coordinator	Buckinghamshire Business First provided information at Action Group in September 2021.
	Explore initiatives to provide skills training to local people and to explore initiatives to allow young people to gain workplace experience and skills	30/03/21	Action Group	For discussion at November meeting.  BBF proposals discussed but not taken on.
<b>Theme: Infrastructure and Highways</b>				
Work with Tfb to progress Community Board Transport Schemes	Schedule discussions with relevant Town and Parish Councils to relay any issues or queries they may have	30/10/21	Coordinator	Communication sent to each Parish Council regarding deadline for submission of highways funding applications. Discussions held with potential applicants to explain process September 2021. Initial discussions held with Tfb regarding applications.



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	Liaise with Town and Parish Councils regarding implementation of schemes agreed in 2020-21	30/03/22	Coordinator/TfB Project Lead	Communication to be sent to Parish Councils with schemes agreed for funding in 2020-21 regarding delivery dates by TfB Project Lead. Coordinator to follow up by end of October.
Promote Active Travel	Develop an Active Travel Strategy for the Board area	30/03/22	Coordinator/Action Group Chairman	Scoping document completed prior to May elections. Working group to be established to take development forward.  Action Group Chairman keen to develop during 2022-23.
	Work with parish councils to identify areas where bike racks could be installed	30/05/22		Discussed at Action Groups September 2021.  Burnham PC to submit revised application once funding portal reopens April 2022.
<b>Theme: Wellbeing</b>				



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Tackle social isolation and improve overall wellbeing of older people	Re-establish Movers and Shakers or other similar activity groups for older people to socialise and become more active	30/12/21	Action Group	<p>Discussed at Action Group meetings throughout 2021. Looking for a potential delivery partner.</p> <p>Raised at Action Group meetings January and March 2022 – countywide M&amp;S provision currently under review by Community Engagement team</p>
	Work with schools to establish new intergenerational projects to tackle social isolation and facilitate learning	30/12/21	Action Group	<p>Discussed at Action Group meetings in 2021. Agreed to approach schools after October half term.</p> <p>Promoting SaLT intergenerational project, including resource pack for Intergenerational and learning events to link with Jubilee</p>
	Establish a project to promote dementia awareness	30/11/21	Coordinator/Action Group	<p>Dementia Awareness project established and will run 3 November. Further projects to be explored if successful.</p>



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				<p>November event well received – additional date of 16 May confirmed with provider – publicity started 25 April 22.</p> <p>Funding provided for GLL/Better dementia friendly exercise classes, to start Spring 2022.</p> <p>Presentation to March Action Group meeting from new Bluebell Memories group starting in Farnham Common</p>
Engage with young people	Explore ways of encouraging young people to engage with the Board to ensure their views are represented	30/12/21	Family Information Service/Coordinator	Youth Council previously explored and scoped – may be more effective to identify two young people to be representatives on the overall Buckinghamshire Youthvoice Executive Committee who could then attend Board meetings. 19.10.21



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	Establish a youth outreach project	30/12/21	Family Information Service/Coordinator	Agreed to scope out several locations in the local area where youth workers could engage with young people and identify outreach projects that may be appropriate. 19.10.21
Encourage projects to promote good mental wellbeing	Establish projects which will support young people's mental wellbeing in schools	30/12/21	Action Group/Coordinator	Two projects with Bucks Mind to support mental health in schools agreed for funding October 2021.  Mental Health First Aid training for staff and Mental Health for Key Stage 1 pupils sessions underway
<b>Work Planning</b>				
Develop a calendar of meetings for all Community Board meetings and Action Groups	Calendar of meetings to be drawn up for 2021-22 and circulated to Board members. Meeting invites to be sent out for the year.	30/09/21	Coordinator	Calendar produced and meeting dates included in September. Invites sent for all Action Group meetings for the year.



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Track and monitor action group tasks and projects	Action tracking sheet to be developed and kept up to date for each action group	30/09/21	Coordinator	Action tracking sheet produced for each action group in September 2021.  To be refreshed for 2022-23.
	Investigate implementation of an online tool for tracking action group and Board progress	30/10/21	Coordinator/Localism Management Team	Escalated to Management Team in August. Need to explore what tools could be used across the different Community Boards if there is appetite. Trello looks most likely.  Update awaited.
Develop a calendar of meetings for all Community Board and Action Group meetings	Calendar of meetings to be drawn up for 2022-23 and circulated to Board members. Meeting invites to be sent out for the year.	30/04/22	Coordinator	Calendar of all dates compiled – invitations to be circulated after agreement at 26/04/22 Community Board meeting