

UPDATE TO COMMUNITY BOARD FROM CHALFONT ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL

- 1 The parish council has been working in partnership with Chiltern Rangers to implement the Big Bio Diversity Battle for which community board funding was made available in 2021. This has enabled not only valuable improvements to the significant open spaces we have here, but has galvanised lots of interest from volunteers from schools, churches, businesses and groups such as rotary clubs.
- 2 Much of the programme will now continue in perpetuity
- 3 The council hope to be able to continue tree and wild flower planting – in addition the council have given notice to Chiltern Conservation Board and Natural England of their wish to become part of an enlarged Chilterns AONB, or whatever that body becomes in due course. The recently opened Memorial Garden is very popular with residents and becoming much used
- 4 The council are concerned about a new application for a motorway service area (MSA) on the M25, which whilst largely to the East of the motorway will involve a northbound access road within the parish boundary to the West of the M25. The council are seeking expert advice
- 5 The council are well advanced with an emerging replacement of their existing Neighbourhood Plan in the course of which many councillors devoted many 'man hours' researching character areas
- 6 The council will be asking Buckinghamshire Council to look again at the condition of Bull Lane which runs from the A40 at Gerrards Cross, to Austenwood Common; a residential lane with two schools and a popular lawn tennis club it is a much used 'rat run' for cars and HGV's, yet has only limited pavement, and is a winding highway with blind spots throughout. The Chalfont St Peter NAG are hosting a public meeting on the subject for schools and residents alike
- 7 Like many of our colleagues in towns and parishes we celebrated the platinum jubilee with an event on Thursday evening last culminating in the lighting of a beacon on Gold Hill Common. Estimates are a crowd of over 1500 attended
- 8 It is welcome news that the Community Board may be taking a stand at forthcoming Feast Day, 25th June on Gold Hill Common
- 9 The village is home to several Ukranian families and the community has worked hard to involve them in the many community opportunities which exist in the village
- 10 Bucks Council have reported back on the A413 and the parish council have asked for a further explanation of the prospective cost of new signage needed to reduce the speed limit from 70mph to 50mph between the two roundabouts at the village. Implementing it is put at over £28,600

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