

Great Missenden and Prestwood Revitalisation Group Update
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Earlier this year, the Buckinghamshire Council communicated their final decision that funding for the Revitalisation Groups would not be carried forward. This was the cause of deep regret and disappointment amongst the Great Missenden and Prestwood Revitalisation Group membership.

After taking time to digest this news, the group has met to discuss our future. We agreed that fundamentally, we are lucky to have enough funds in the accounts to allow us to make the transition to a more project-based funding model. In addition, we began to generate growing optimism that while we have lost the mandate that came to us through CDC funding, new opportunities are presenting themselves.

The MCB Prestwood Choices / Prestwood Voices initiative has highlighted the need to generate action towards new project initiatives that will serve the community's growing population and aging infrastructure. The initiative has uncovered ideas; some new, and some previously expressed. The next step is delivering the change. We (the GMPRG) believe that we have the opportunity to reimagine how we can collectively collaborate to effectively deliver change for this community.

As we seek to clearly articulate our role, we are exploring the development of an integrated model of community change that could grow inter-organisational relationships, provide a structure for community change and define accountability for the delivery of project outcomes.

So that we can better understand the potential of this model, we will be developing our relationships with other key organizations in the community. We will also be aligning with MCB to understand change ideas by revisiting the 2018 vision outcomes. We look forward to continuing to serve our community well into the future.

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