



Missendens Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Missendens Community Board held on Thursday 14 July 2022 in Via MS Teams, commencing at 5.02 pm and concluding at 8.23 pm.

BC Councillors present

P Martin (Chairman), M Harker OBE (Vice-Chairman) and J Waters

Others in attendance

L Charleston (CB co-ordinator) and L Hornby

Apologies

J MacBean

Agenda Item

1 Welcome and apologies

The Vice-Chairman (in the Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Chairman would be joining the meeting presently.

Present:

Councillor Jonathan Waters
Councillor Peter Martin
Councillor Mimi Harker
Mike Etkind
Robert Gibson
Liz Hornby
Liz Charleston
Mike Johnstone (GMPC)
Marcia Lloyd Webb
Vanessa Martin (GMPC)
Barbara Rowett
Rob Seddon

Apologies:

Christopher Black
Catherine Bunting
Stephen Burke
Carole Eaden

Councillor Jane MacBean
Fran McLean
Karen Pither
Elaina Quesada

2 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

The previous meeting in April was the Board's first face-to-face event since the pandemic. It was well attended by previous recipients of Community Board funding awards and the Proud of Bucks awards were presented to Paige Hall, Kelsi Wright and The Missenden Walled Garden.

High Commended awards were presented to Carole Eaden and Jim O'Donovan.

It was generally agreed that the event went well.

4 Project Updates Youth Survey

The survey had been live for 2 months and circulated to as many young people as could be found in the area; the survey will remain live until the end of August. It was noted that eleven people had shown an interest in the focus groups and others were welcomed. The project had been promoted on the radio with the Vice-Chairman and there were discussions about whether to make a radio programme for young people to run and participate. A young person had been identified to head up this project.

It was noted that the survey was open to all including adults and was anonymous. Members of the Board who had not completed the survey were encouraged to do so.

Great Missenden Village Improvements

Mike Johnstone updated the Board on a pan-Parish project for bike racks and benches to be installed. It was noted that Bucks Highways had given permission and agreement from the Fire Station had also been given. Agreement from the library was still to be given along with Abbeyfield. A lead time of 6-8 weeks was given for the bike racks and benches to be installed.

Action: It was agreed that Mike Johnstone would provide the Councillor Harker some wording in relation to this project so that she would include it in her programme.

Prestwood Voice, Prestwood Choice

Councillor Harker explained that this was a short term plan with projects which had

been identified, some of which were already under way and being developed. They were:

- Community Fridge
- Play equipment and development of 'activity' facilities on the common.
- Walking app
- Assistance with development of separate spaces for community use; e.g. community hall, scout hut, Colts pavilion).
- Support for events
- Space for community allotment – Grow, Cook Eat-type project.
- Bike racks

There was a long-term aspiration from the community to look at improving facilities. Meetings had received some great contributions although there was still more to be undertaken.

Action: Robert Gibson agreed to investigate a Walking app. Walkers Are Welcome which was an app used in Chesham and SLOWAYS (a national walkers app) would also be investigated.

At this point, the Chairman, Councillor Martin joined the meeting and then took the Chair.

5 Great Missenden & Prestwood Revitalisation Group

The Board received and noted an update of which is attached to the Minutes.

6 Community Matters Buckinghamshire Council Updates

The Board received and noted the update which has been attached to the Minutes.

Community Safety – Update on Police Report

The Board received and noted the update which has been attached to the Minutes.

Action: It was agreed that Liz Charleston and the Chairman would discuss ways on how to promote SpeedWatch.

Public Questions

There were no public questions.

Consultations

To review open consultations, visit Your Voice Bucks website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

7 Funding Applications

There were currently no outstanding funding applications but conversations were taking place in respect of support from the Community Board.

Mike Johnstone did a short presentation on proposals to obtain funding for work to be carried out on Frith Hill following a recent incident when a motorist hit a child with their wing mirror. The pavement was extremely overgrown leading to the path itself being extremely narrow. Discussions had taken place with the Department of Transport (DoT) who owned a site and they agreed to deal with the overgrown shrubbery and that widening the footpath was also being actioned. It was also noted that HS2 had admitted to using that bit of highway and would recompense for damages. It was noted that if the DoT would not fund the footpath widening, then an application would be made to the Community Board for funding.

Holmer Green Village Society: Liz Charleston gave an update (appended to the minutes).

8 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 7.00pm.*

*please note this is a change of date from the date announced at the meeting.

Great Missenden and Prestwood Revitalisation Group Update 28 June 2022

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.

Christopher Black
Chair - GMPRG

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An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council Summer (July to September 2022)

Support for Ukrainian guests continues across the county – further help is still needed

Over the last few months there has been an outpouring of support for our Ukrainian guests from our communities, alongside the work that we at the council are doing. We now have over 1,100 Ukrainian guests with more than 600 still expected to arrive.

The community boards have been central to our efforts and have achieved so much across the county. Highlights include:

- More than 60 people gathering at a local pub to welcome and make new friends and share stories.
- Working with the community to put together welcome packs including food parcels, toiletries, vouchers from supermarkets and cafes, free eye test, donated gifts, clothing, toys, tech equipment, and SIM cards.
- Coffee mornings with talks covering a wide range of subjects including trauma, fraud, banking and life in the local area.
- Weekly lunch sessions where professionals help support both the host families and Ukrainian friends with various issues.
- Helping to secure funding for Ukrainian professionals – so far funding has been secured for a doctor and an accountant to take the relevant exams to practise here in Buckinghamshire.
- English classes.
- A social event led by a group of Ukrainian guests to celebrate summer solstice.
- A weekly yoga class led by one of the Ukrainian guests.

There's a dedicated area on our website for anyone who would like to know more about how they can help/get involved – check out [‘Helping Hand for Ukraine’](#)

Support with food, bills and finances – Helping Hand and Holiday Activity Fund

As we approach the summer holidays, this is a timely reminder that we have support available for families and individuals in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

Our Helping Hand team can help if you – or someone you know:

- are struggling to afford food
- cannot keep on top of your bills
- are in debt

- are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home.

Find out more about our Helping Hand team and how they can [support with food, bills and finances](#). Our #backontrack scheme offers practical advice and support for people experiencing money difficulties: [Money problems - advice and support if you are struggling to make ends meet | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Using the Government Household Support Fund, the Helping Hand team will be providing £50 Digital Food Vouchers to eligible children and young people to support families over the summer holidays. These vouchers will be distributed through schools in July.

We also have our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Further information can be found at [HAF information for families | Family Information Service \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Waste and recycling missed bins

Unfortunately in some pockets of the former Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe district areas of Buckinghamshire the recent change of bin collection days caused greater than anticipated disruption. This was due to both residents and crews getting used to the new bin collection days.

Following a difficult few weeks, an [open letter of apology was issued from Cllr Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council](#) and additional measures put in place.

By the end of day on Tuesday 5 July, Veolia were due to have picked up any remaining missed collections, and from this point on, the overwhelming majority of missed collections reported should be collected the following day (as per business as usual arrangements).

Background (if needed)

September 2020: Veolia took over the waste contract for the former Chiltern and Wycombe district areas (previously held by Serco).

November 2021: Veolia took over the waste contract for the former South Bucks district area (previously held by Biffa).

May 2022: Buckinghamshire Council and waste contractor, Veolia, made some vital improvements to bin collection rounds in the former Chiltern, Wycombe and South Bucks district areas. The round reorganisation, which was implemented from Monday 9 May 2022, was contractually required and agreed by Buckinghamshire Council and Veolia to ensure an efficient collection service operates in the south of the county. The new rounds undertake a 'zonal' approach to collections which keep collection vehicles closer together on collection days and introduce a more balanced and deliverable resource profile across all waste streams. The new approach allows for greater efficiencies, as roads which breach previous district boundaries can now be collected on the same day by the same crew.

Community boards will be at the county show on 1 September

The Bucks County Show is happening on Thursday 1 September at Weedon Park on the outskirts of Aylesbury for the first time since 2019, before the lockdown.

This action-packed one-day event includes a whole range of summer activities for all the family, from the traditional livestock competitions, horse of the year show and showjumping, freestyle motorcycle display, to the gentler arts of home and garden skills.

Buckinghamshire Council will be having one big combined stand highlighting that we are one unified organisation supporting residents in so many different aspects of their lives.

Of course the community boards are central to that support. The managers are working together to plan the community board stall that will raise their profile, show some of the many successful projects carried out and encourage people to get involved with their communities through the boards. There will also be fun activities for the younger visitors!

Update on the £150 council tax energy rebate

Over 80% of the £150 council tax rebates to help offset rising fuel costs have been paid to eligible households. There is also an additional discretionary £25 Helping Hand top-up which Buckinghamshire Council is paying to householders who are on specific benefits.

Anyone who pays their council tax by direct debit should have received their rebate automatically. Anyone who pays by another method is required to claim their rebate – details can be found at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/council-tax/150-council-tax-energy-rebate/how-to-claim-the-council-tax-energy-rebate/>

Claimants have until August 2022 to supply their bank details enabling the council to pay directly into their bank account. There is funding available for all eligible properties.

From Monday 1 August householders will not be able to supply their details and all those households that have not claimed will receive a £150 voucher instead, which can be cashed at any post office.

Bucks Online Directory

A reminder that the Bucks Online Directory is a great place to publicise any community events, support groups, activities and services to local people. And please do share the link with anyone who may benefit from the information provided:

[Find activities, groups and services near you | Bucks Online Directory | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Current and upcoming consultations

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

A reminder that current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

Where appropriate, we also list NHS consultations and surveys as well.

Here are current and upcoming consultations that are relevant to specific community boards:

Buckingham & Villages (meeting 6 July)

- [Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) consultation 2022 - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#) (closes 11 July)
- [Winslow and Steeple Claydon PSPO](#) (closes 11 July)
- [Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) consultation 2022 - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#) (closes 25 July) (Buckingham & Villages is the only relevant board that is meeting before the closing date)

High Wycombe (meeting 13 July)

- Bellfield Road (High Wycombe) reserved matters consultation (due to launch 11 July)

Missendens (meeting 14 July)

- [Land off Amersham Road Development Brief](#) (closes 18 July)

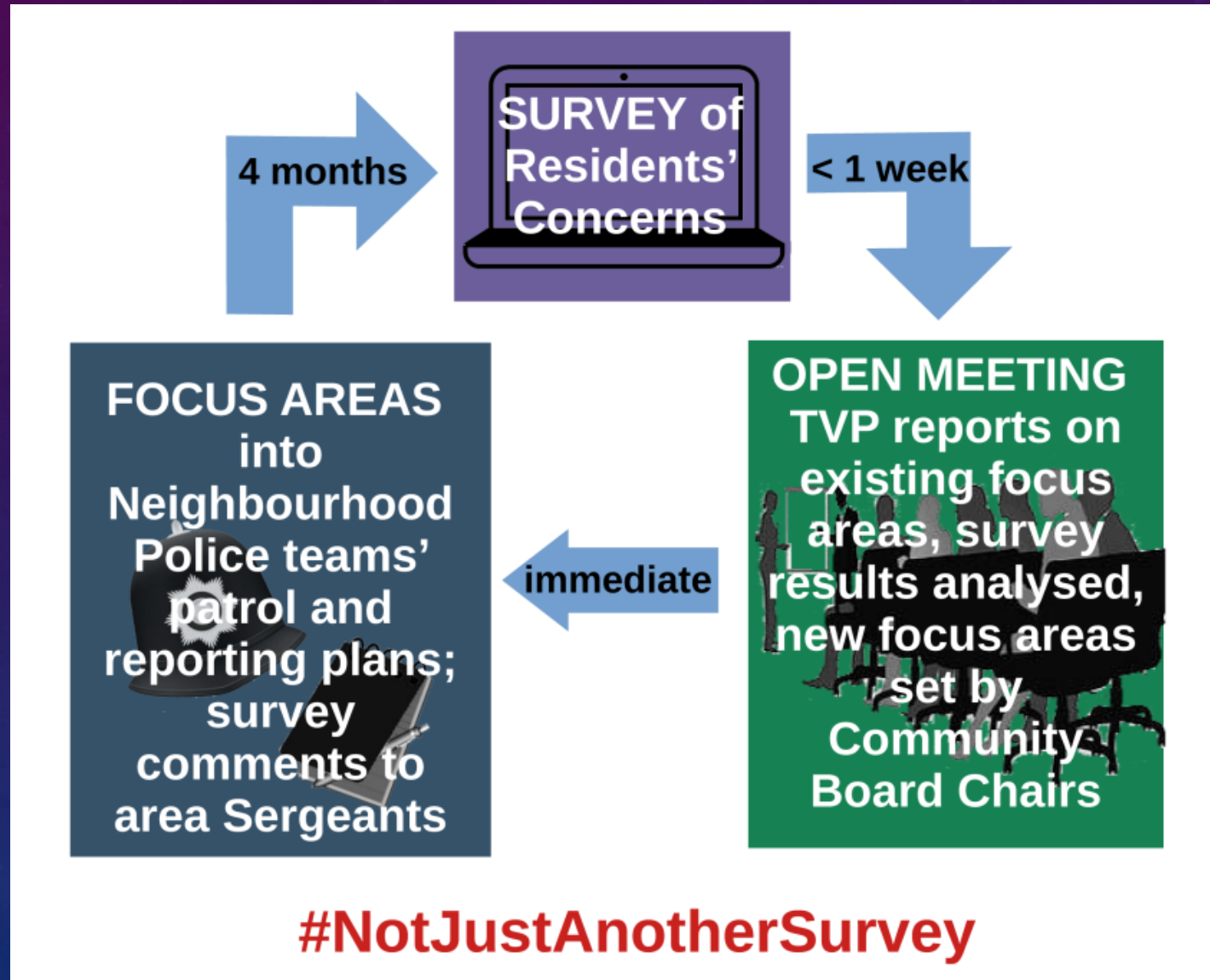
Winslow & Villages (meeting 28 July)

- [Winslow Neighbourhood Plan](#) (closes 11 Aug)
- Drayton Parslow Neighbourhood Plan (due to launch 14 July)
- Mursley Neighbourhood Plan (due to launch 4 Aug)

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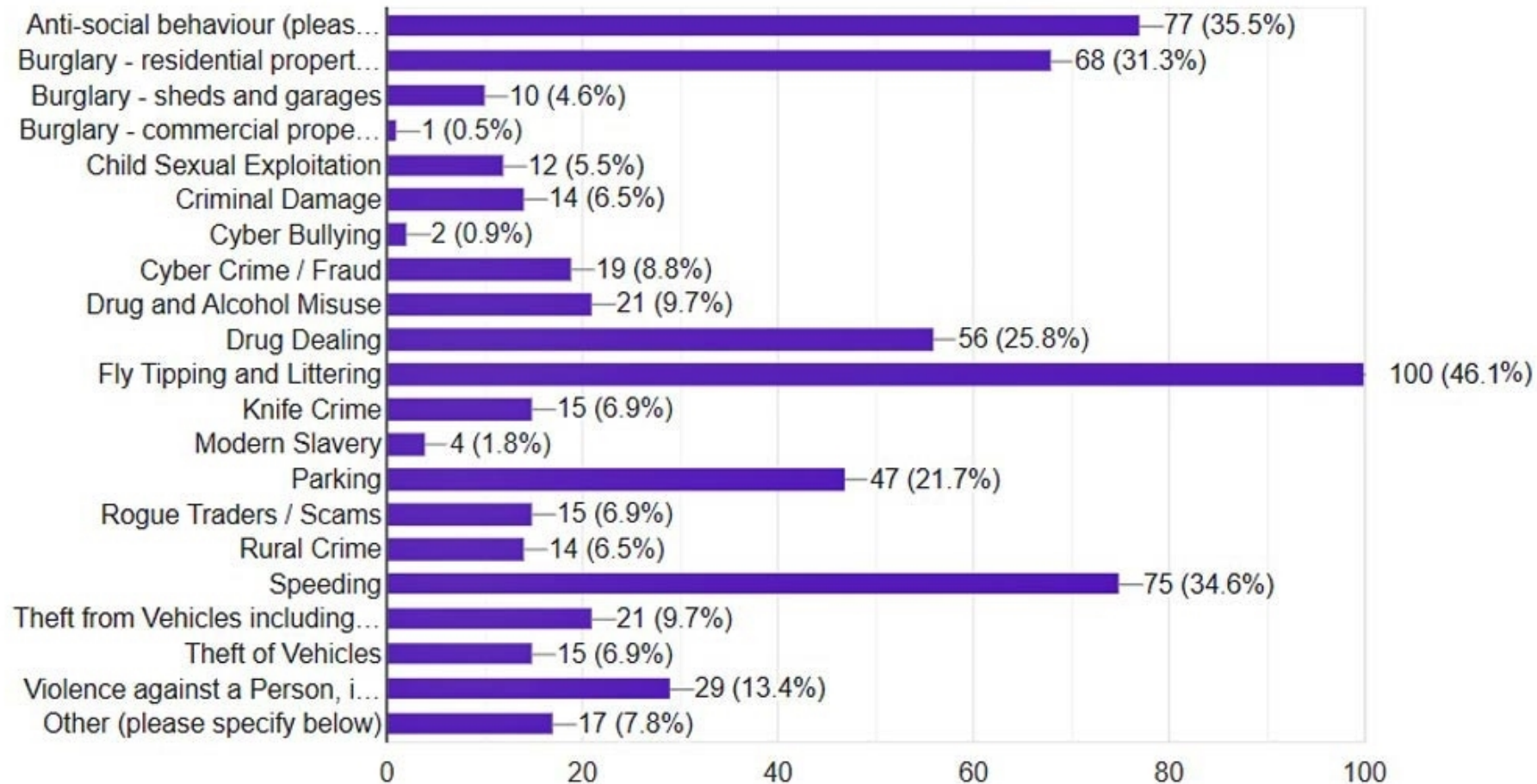
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Chiltern & S Bucks Policing Issues Forum – the Process



Policing Issues Forum – Survey Results June/July 2022

1. Please select your top THREE neighbourhood priorities that our Neighbourhood Police and its partners should address over the next four months.



217 responses

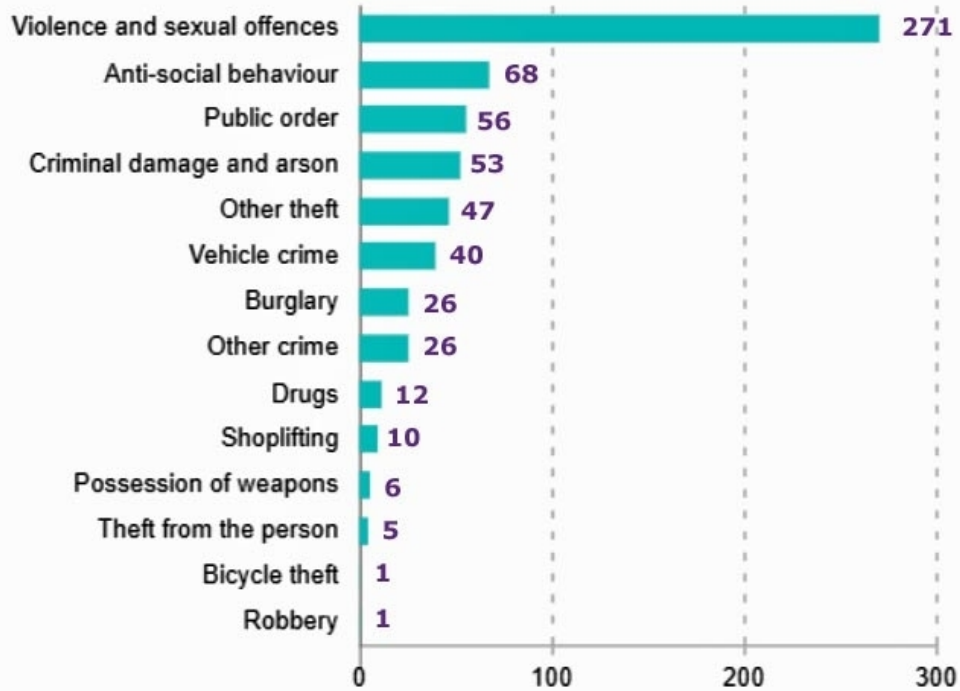
Top Residents' Concerns by Community Board Area - June/July 2022 C&SB Forum Survey

Amersham and Villages	Speeding (51%)	Fly Tipping & Littering (46%)	Residential Burglary (30%)
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Violence against a Person (41%)	Residential Burglary (37%)	ASB, Drug Dealing (29%)
Beeches	Fly Tipping & Littering (58%)	Residential Burglary (49%)	Drug Dealing (31%)
Chesham and Villages	Speeding, Fly Tipping & Littering (48%)		ASB (38%)
Denham, GX and Chalfonts	Fly Tipping & Littering (58%)	ASB (41%)	Speeding (38%)
Missendens	Speeding (63%)	ASB (46%)	Fly Tipping & Littering (38%)
Wexham and Iver	ASB (54%)	Fly Tipping & Littering (42%)	Drug Dealing (33%)
Under 18's	Speeding (53%)	ASB (46%)	Fly Tipping & Littering (42%)

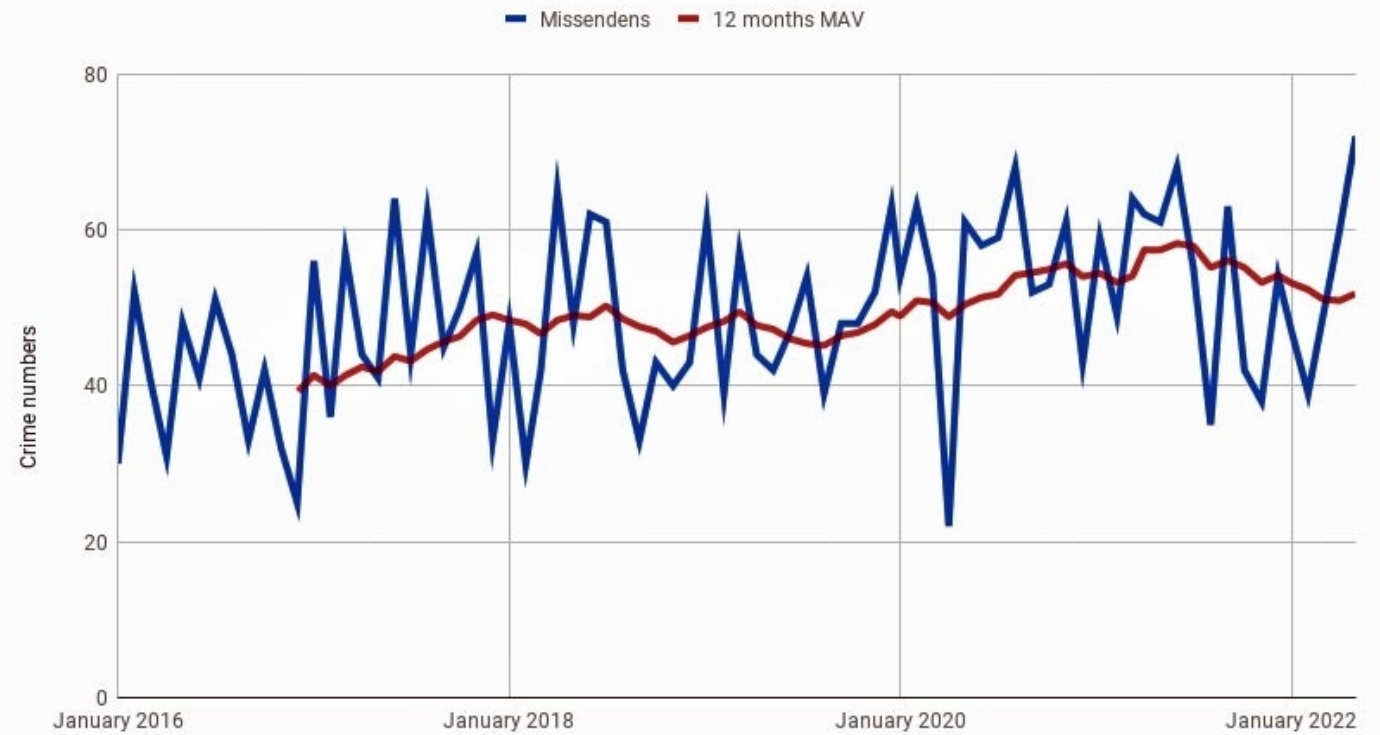
- Engagement of Missendens dropped in latest survey – 25 responses
- Speeding has been the top concern of Missendens CB for past 3 surveys – A413, A4128, Holmer Green etc
- ASB a diverse range of behaviours; Missendens comments quite largely reference younger residents.
- Fly Tipping/Littering concerns shared across region – Buckinghamshire Council lead agency
- Across Chiltern & South Bucks burglary stats higher than during lockdowns, but not yet returning to pre-pandemic levels, and Burglary no longer the dominant concern in recent resident surveys

Crime in the Missendens

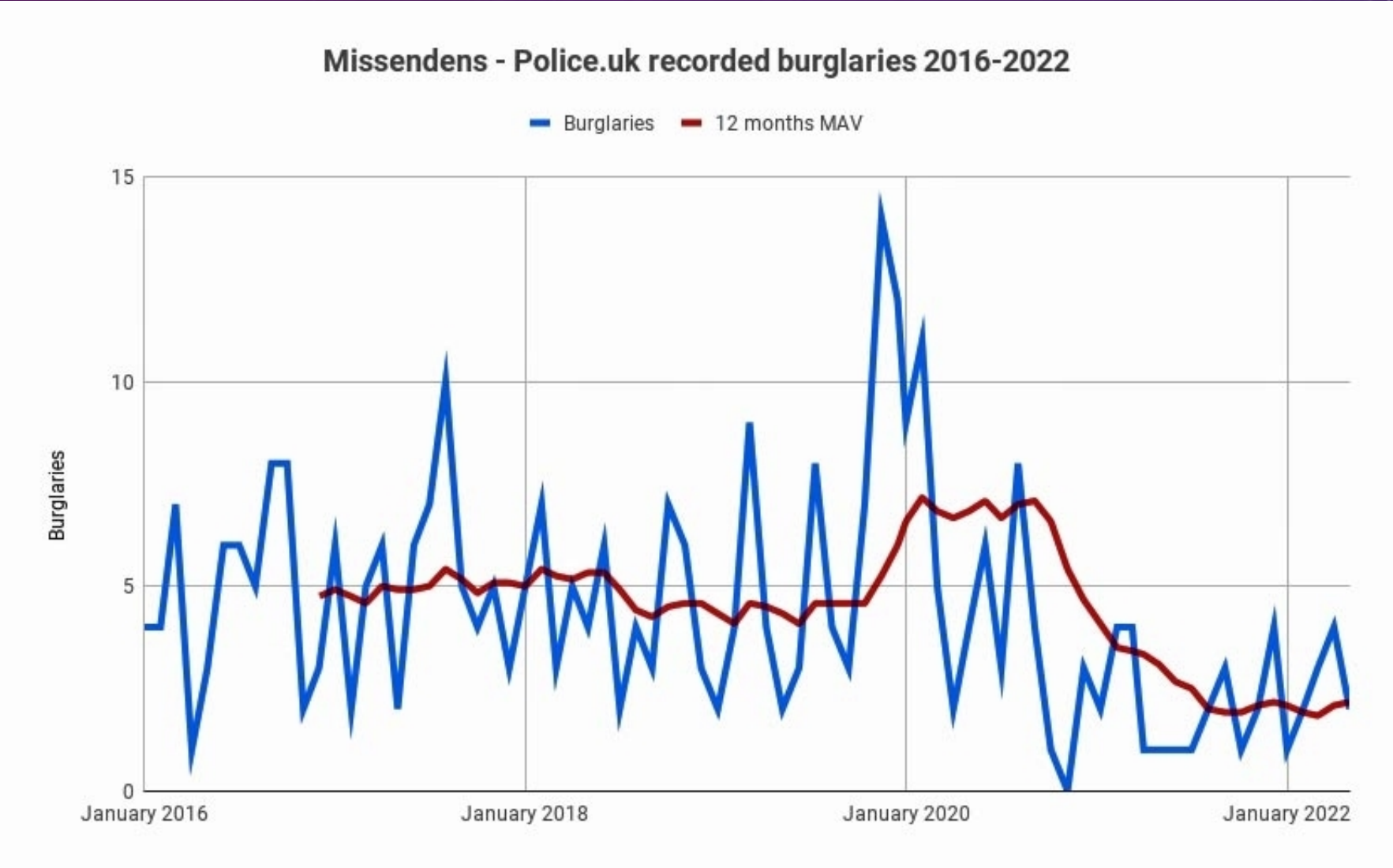
POLICE.UK recorded crime, Missendens, last 12 months



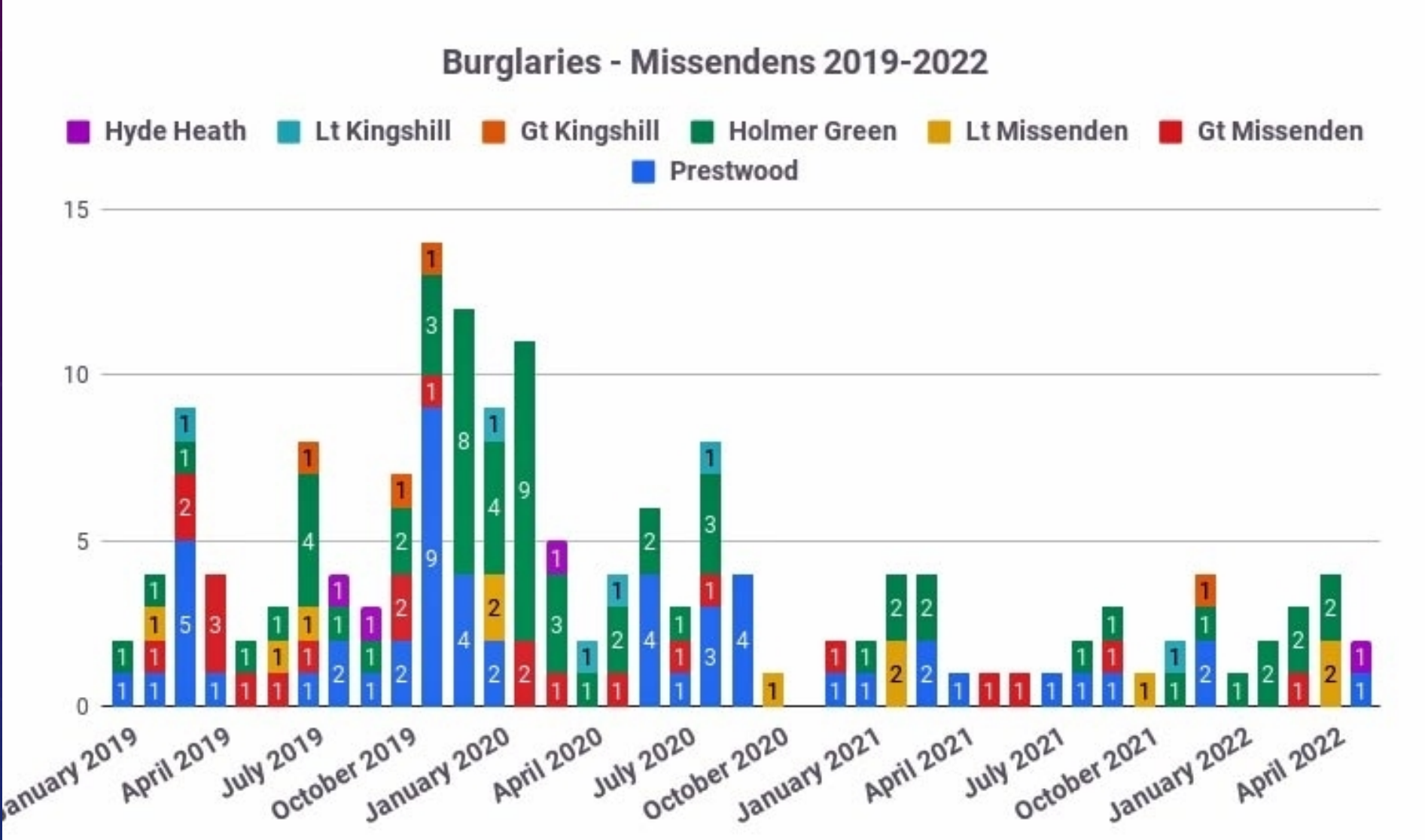
Missendens - Police.uk recorded crime 2016-2022



Burglary in the Missendens

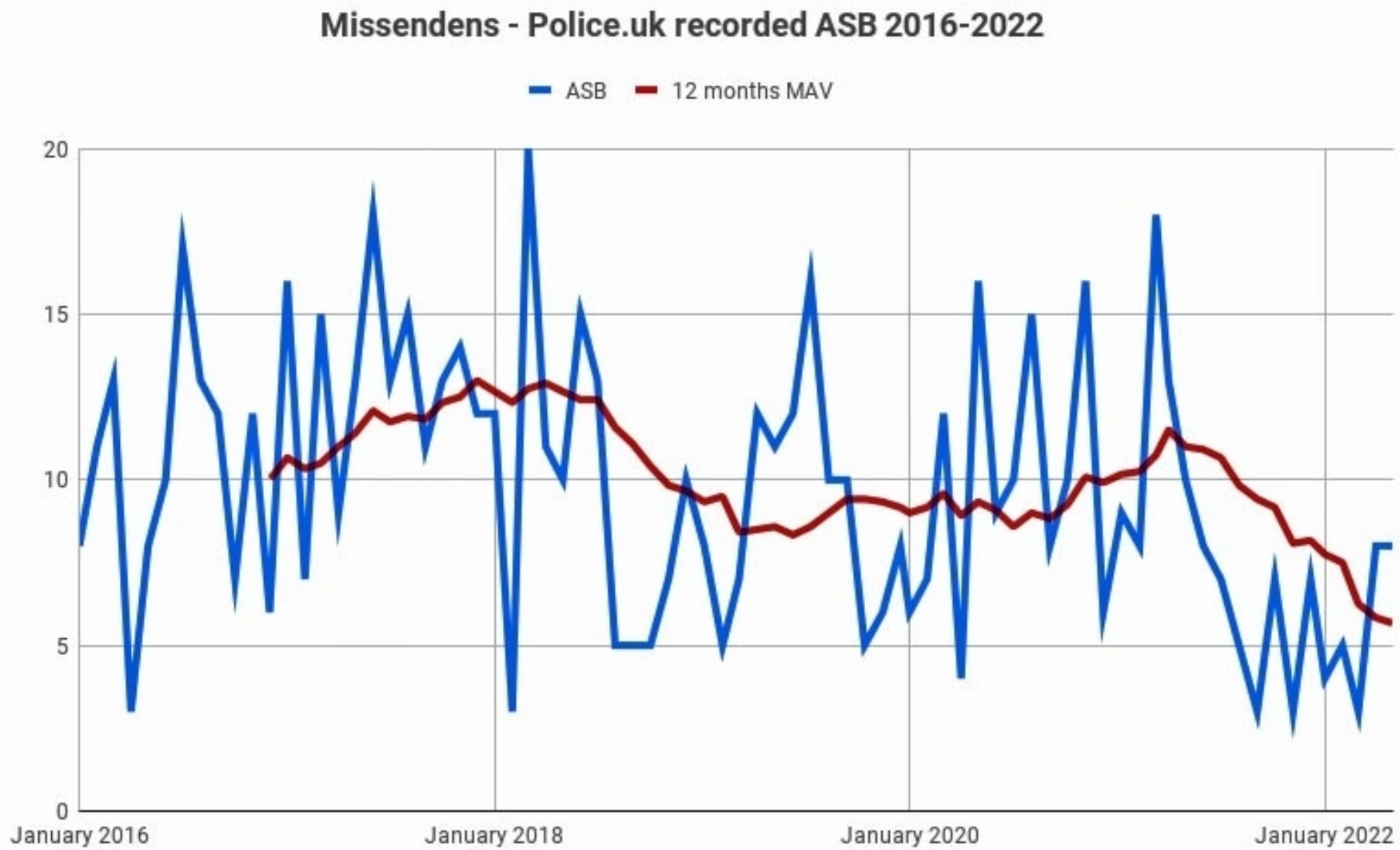


Burglary in the Missendens



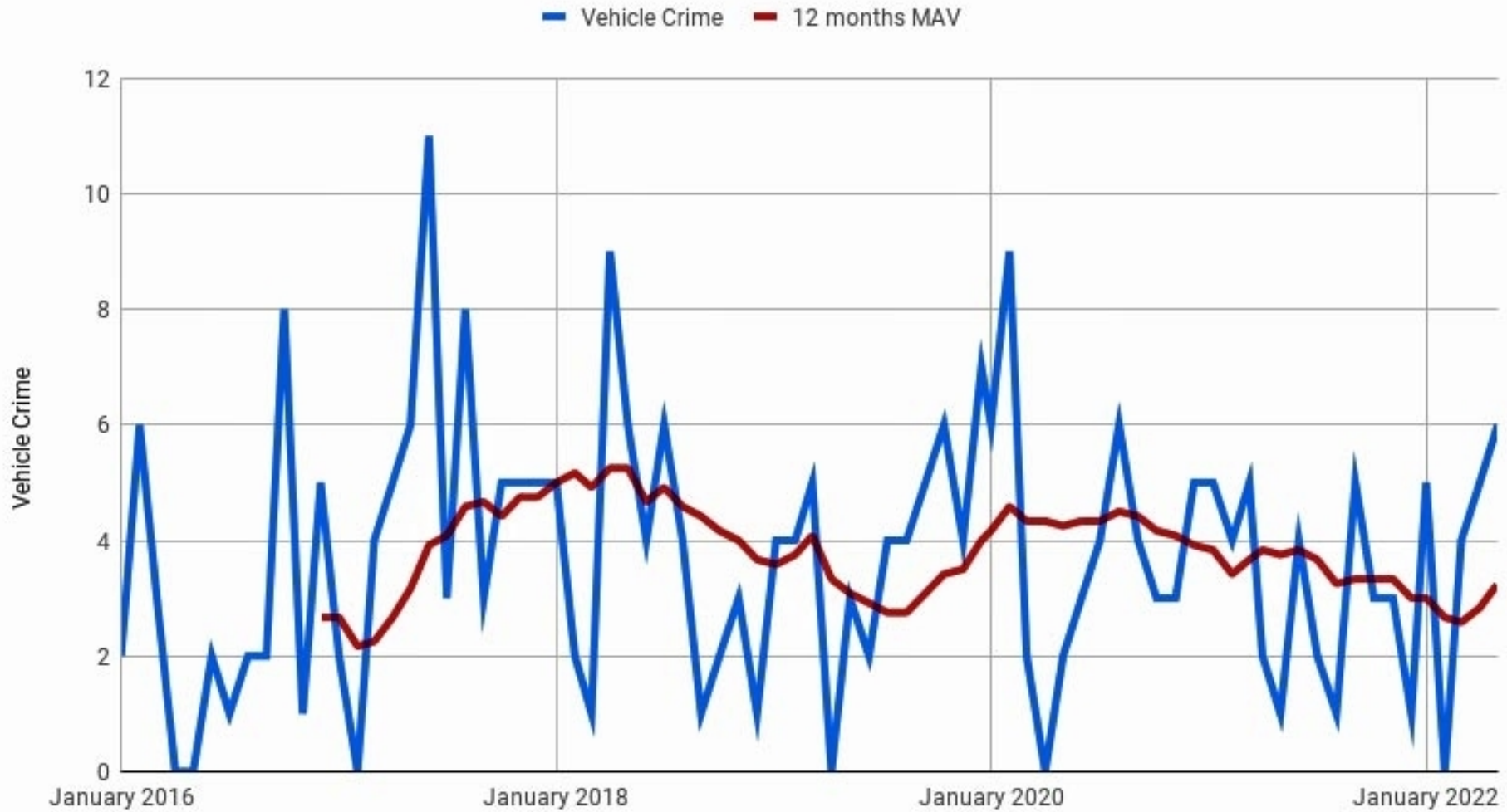
Source: POLICE.UK

Anti Social Behaviour in the Missendens



Vehicle Crime in the Missendens

Missendens - Police.uk recorded vehicle crime 2016-2022



Some messages from Forum meeting (12/8/22)

- “Broadly, crime levels are gradually returning to pre-pandemic levels.”
- Crime increases seen in vehicle crime (+24% yoy), Robbery (+53%), Weapons Possession (+124% from low base)
- Vehicle crime led by catalytic convertor and keyless thefts – take precautions
- Year-on-year rise to dwelling burglary 3%
- Despite rise in Police Officer numbers, a burden is falling on Neighbourhood Policing teams as PCs cover for Officers undertaking training courses

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING FOCUS AREAS

- SERIOUS ACQUISITIVE CRIME
- SPEEDING
- ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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Frith Hill (SHL) Footway - unsafe July 2022



Upper part of the footway was dangerously overgrown



- Leaves on the narrow footway in the winter and overgrown in the summer
- Incident: 11 year old was struck on the arm with a car wing mirror
- Deemed a safe route to school so no school bus – we need to make it safe!



Strimmed



Flailed but still not enough

BC Highways have flailed and are to side-out the upper part. However, the hedge needs cutting back severely and in some places the edge digging out, followed by the footway widened to at least 1 metre and re-asphalted.

Approach Dept for Transport, HS2 contractors, Community Board - support?

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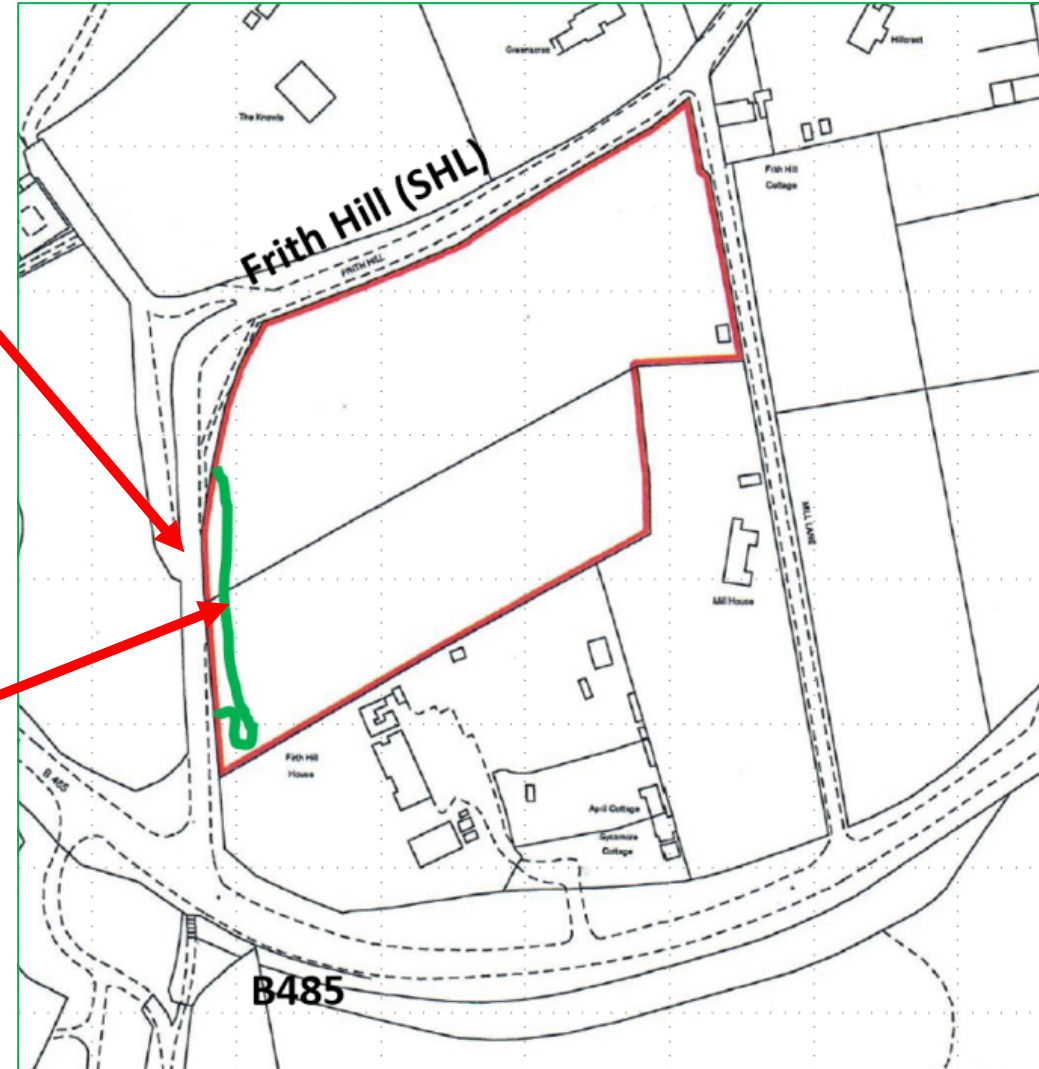
Frith Hill (SHL) Footway - unsafe July 2022

No footway in the lower part; have to walk in the road to get to the church and The Misbourne school with traffic speeding up the hill



Propose new footpath in **green** along the field including a ramp and railing down to the junction with the B485.

Approach Dept for Transport, HS2 contractors, Community Board - support?



Report for the meeting of 14/07/22 from Holmer Green Village Society since last Missendens Community Board Meeting

Holmer Green Village Society has been extremely active over the last four to five months in its quest to make Holmer Green a better place to live and work.

Activities include:

- Electing Simon Jones as the new chair to replace the late Eric Thickett.
- Continuing and extensive work on the Holmer Green Gardens project in Beechtree Road. The gardens now feature:
 - Nine sensory items including sound, feel, light with six more planned
 - Five benches for visitors to use as they sit and have a picnic or just relax in a quiet space
 - A woodery (stumpery) with sculptural deadwood from Coleman's Wood, on the ancient path 'King Street' which runs from the village to Little Missenden
 - Six new cherry trees funded by Missendens Community Board plus three ornamental cherry trees funded by Holmer Green Today Magazine and Holmer Green Sports Association
 - The beginnings of a picnic area where we hope to install accessible picnic benches
- A Queen's Platinum Jubilee event based around the Holmer Green Gardens, held on 3rd June where we served 100 cream teas and garden volunteers showed villagers around the work so far. Around 300 people attended and, as a result of comments at that event, the gardens are going to be renamed 'Holmer Green Jubilee Sensory Gardens'.
- Extensive work with LMPC on the proposed two housing developments in the area designated HW8. One development of 101 houses, by Inland Homes, will be accessed by a narrow road off Wycombe Road, Holmer Green. The Village Society, representing our 240 plus members, believes that this will put undue pressure on road, school and other facilities in Holmer Green while the council tax precept will go to Hazlemere Parish Council (while the access is in LMPC, the properties come under Hazlemere). Chair Simon Jones is speaking at an enquiry on this site next week.
- The Village Society is actively participating in the Neighbour Plan for the LMPC area.
- And finally, this Saturday sees our Music on the Common event with 30 plus stalls, an 80-car show, five hours of music, food, drinks & much, much more. We extend an open invitation to Community Board members to come along. More at <https://www.holmergreenvillagesociety.co.uk/music-on-the-common-2022>

Pete Healy, Vice Chair – 14.07.22

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