



# Community Board Amersham and Villages



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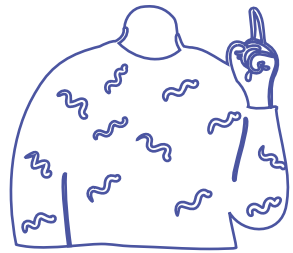


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# Community Matters...



...An opportunity for individuals or community group representatives to ask questions, share updates, and suggest future discussion points.



## **YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

Please tell us what you think at:

[www.csb-forum.org/oct22-survey/](http://www.csb-forum.org/oct22-survey/)

**SURVEY CURRENTLY OPEN**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Survey closes

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 6.30pm**  
**Forum meeting, all welcome – Chesham Town**  
**Hall, Chesham HP5 1DS, and via ZOOM**

Neighbourhood Policing focus areas and survey  
comments communicated to Thames Valley  
Police.

**#NotJustAnotherSurvey**

The [Chiltern and South Bucks Policing Issues Forum](#) survey of residents' concerns is currently open.

Residents' views will inform decisions on areas of focus for [TVP South Buckinghamshire](#) Neighbourhood Policing team.

Survey available at [www.csb-forum.org/oct22-survey/](http://www.csb-forum.org/oct22-survey/)



# Parking Petition update

The Parking Team have agreed to provide a list of various options for parking schemes in Old Amersham, with pros and cons and rough ballpark costings for the Community Board to consider.

In addition, they have confirmed that:

- 19 parking meters in the area are in the process of being replaced for contactless meters.
- Dovecote Car Park are soon to have installed 1 rapid charging and 1 fast charging point.
- The charging points on the Old Town High Street are not marked out as single use for electric vehicles due to there not being a legal TTRO in place – this and a number of others across the County are being looked into.

- Proud of Bucks is back!
- Nominate local people for their outstanding community contributions during 2022
- Nominations to open on 9th January 2023 until 12th February
- Awards to be presented at a local event in Spring
- Get your thinking caps on now for 'Community Champion' nominees in Adult, Young Person and Group categories.



- Our Community Board Manager is hosting weekly drop-in sessions for members of the community to find out more about the board and how to get involved.
- Look out for dates and times on our Facebook Page (alternate Thursdays in Little Chalfont Community Library and Chilterns Lifestyle Centre café).





# Join our mailing list

- Sign up to our mailing list to receive invitations to meetings, funding applications for comment and...
- ...Each quarter we publish a newsletter with updates about ongoing projects, allocated funding, local events and news from our partners.



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# Community Safety

Empowerment through self defence classes





# Self-Defence Classes

**Aim –**  
Empower women through self confidence & knowledge

- 2 free trial self-defence classes
- Age – 16+
- Ladies only – due to VAWG agenda
- Held in Little Chalfont

# Reasons for Attendance

- Confidence: 25
- Safety: 20
- Learn: 8
- Previous victim: 2
- Refresher: 2
- Media: 1
- Other: 2

Run classes to  
under 16's

Absolutely fantastic/amazing/great.  
Really helpful tips. Simple and  
effective examples. Demos and  
instructions really practical. Well  
worth attending. Thank you

Please run  
in schools

Hope the initiative  
continues and  
expands

To practice defensive  
moves and shouting is  
a good idea, wouldn't  
normally be vocal and  
kick, felt good to try

Thank you for  
informative  
session. Also great  
fun and  
empowering

Liked how some  
parts are optional,  
and helped me feel  
safe and more  
confident. Everyone  
was very helpful and  
friendly

Thank you. Really  
enjoyed session as lots of  
advice is things I wouldn't  
have thought about in  
situations

Run a weekly  
course

# Local Areas of Concern

Little Chalfont	Amersham
Station - footpaths, car park, alleyways & bridge	Raans Road, under pass & bridge
Westwood Park	Hodgemoor Woods
Burtons Lane	Hervines Park
White Lion Road (by woods)	Church Grove
Bedford Avenue	Park top Amersham
Amersham Way	
Woods – Chenies	

# Format of Classes

- Introduction – explain elements of self-defence
- Practical moves:
  - *Distance control of a potential conflict*
  - *Distance “action” when we need to be proactive or once conflict has started*
  - *Close range control of a potential conflict*
  - *Close range “action” when we need to be proactive in a conflict situation*
  - *Grappling skills both attack and defence, once the personal space has been invaded*
  - *Ground work, if knocked over or falling how to regain stability quickly*
  - *Exit strategies to remove ourselves from the situation*
  - *Grabs and releases to control a situation or to exit from being grabbed*
  - *Being vocal to gain confidence & alert others of the danger you find yourself in*
- Costs - £10 p/person minimum 20 (includes 2 instructors & equipment)

Projects updates

# Dementia Café

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit in August and have been supporting Cafe22 with recruitment of volunteers to enable the group to take referrals from Amersham Social Prescribers and Surgeries.

We are in talks with a venue in Amersham about offering a separate session.







Huge thanks to our local growers who have donated some fantastic produce to help others in the Community. The donations have been greatly appreciated.

We will be pausing over the winter period while yield is low – but are making plans to promote early in the Spring.





# Older Person's Day

The Community Board were pleased to provide funding to support the Rotate Older Person's Day event at St Michael & All Angels, Sycamore Road, on Tuesday 4th October.

Guests were invited to join in a selection of activities, including health checks, reminiscence, arts and crafts, singing, hand treatments and Zumba, plus speak to local organisations about other services available in the area, such as adult learning courses, IT support, scam awareness and personal safety.



Rotary  

AMERSHAM ROTATE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH  
10AM - 1 PM AT

ST. MICHAEL'S & ALL ANGELS  
CHURCH, SYCAMORE ROAD  
AMERSHAM

DROP IN AND GIVE OUR  
COMPLIMENTARY SESSIONS A TRY!



Activities include:

- Zumba
- Yoga
- IT Skills
- Drawing
- Live Well, Stay Well
- Free Cafe with Cake



# Tea & Tales



Cue34 Theatre Company announced the launch of 'In Tune', a play that explores the importance of social and human interaction to combat loneliness, set against the post-pandemic backdrop, where a group of individuals try to resurrect their recorder group.

As part of their outreach work, they hosted a 'Tea and Tales' community event creating a space for tea, tales and musical performances inspired by the play.

The event was aimed at those over the age of 60 as an opportunity to meet and engage in an afternoon of activities including musical performances from Catch22 Jazz group and Aylesbury Recorder Group!



# Commemorative Benches

The official unveiling of the 5 Commemorative Benches in Amersham, Little Chalfont, Coleshill and Chesham Bois was delayed due to the sad passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II

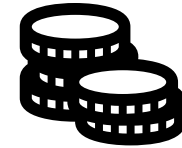
The installations have been taking place throughout the area and we will be sending an invitation to the unveiling in Little Chalfont soon.



# Funding updates and Project Pipeline

## Projects approved so far...

- Whizz Fizz Festival
- Scannappeal Oximeter Devices
- Stony Dean Inspiration Programme
- Rotate Older Person's Day
- Grow to Give
- Sustainable Amersham Going Plastic Free
- Long Covid Care



**£5,232.45**

## Pipeline...

There are many organisations looking to apply for funding and the estimated cost of these is



**£54,600.00**



Schools Competition (info for discussion on next slide)	Rotate Intergenerational Christmas Greetings Cards
Amersham Hospital Gardens	Active in the Community Forever Cycling
Local memories of Queen Elizabeth II	Red Kite Craft Market Signage
Community Orchard	Church Mead Park Run Signage
Youth Coaching and Wellness	Sport sessions for young people
Mental health outdoor activities for young children	Roughwood Lane One-Way Petition
Amersham Football enabling play during darker months	Old Amersham Parking Petition
Amersham Youth Worker Training and Development	Amersham Band Cultural Event
Chiltern Voice Community Spotlights	Restore Hope Training courses
Little Chalfont Community Library Activities	Talkback support for Young People with Autism



**We're launching a competition for young people to put forward a new project idea for the chance to win a share of a total £9,000 prize fund**

- The project should benefit the wider community (Amersham, Coleshill, Chesham Bois, Little Chalfont) and meet our aims and priorities.
- Pupils will be involved in the initial design and work with a project delivery partner who can fulfil the project should they be successful.
- The Community Board will assess eligibility of the criteria for funding against its priorities
- Members of the public can participate by voting for the winners of the projects at local events.
- A judging panel will verify the votes and agree the winners.
- The winners will be announced in our Annual Engagement event in Spring 2023
- Project delivery or design with handover should be completed before the end of the Summer term.
- Schools that wish to participate should submit their project bid before the end of the December term.
- Contact [Amersham@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Amersham@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Other matters





- Help in these difficult times and Support available to those who need it:
  - Helping Hand
  - 'Welcoming Spaces'
  - Information and advice
- Highways – a new contract and what it means for community boards
- Support for Ukrainian guests continues across the county – further help is still needed
- Waste and recycling missed bins
- Community boards success at county show
- Town and Parish Charter
- Better enforcement for moving traffic offences
- Local Heritage Listings
- Consultations: [yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/](https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/)





Community  
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Get involved...

***Join or setup a Task & Finish Group***



***Submit a project idea:***

***<https://forms.office.com/r/Nuk90YR599>***

***Join our next Board Meeting:***

- *February*

THANK YOU

We look forward to seeing you next time