



Community Board South West Chilterns

Action Group: Community Engagement

Chairman: Cllr Carol Heap

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This has been a busy year and the action group has been well attended throughout.

We have welcomed presentations and engagement from many organisations from across the SWC Board area including Community Impact Bucks, The British Red Cross, Talking Newspapers, Neighbourhood Watch, Buckinghamshire Council Community Engagement, Simply Walks and Libraries to name but a few.

Outside of that, as a Board we have been delighted to have been able to drive some applications through to completed projects including:

Dementia Action Marlow Singing Therapy, Bourne End Academy breakfast club, Lighthouse Marlow -Summer Activity Week, Longridge Activity Centre - bell boat project, Interactive Dementia awareness experience and the Wet Room conversion at the Princes Centre in Bourne End.

Looking forward, as a Board we will be hosting an Interactive Autism Awareness Day partnering with Longridge Activity Centre. A specially adapted vehicle will offer an interactive session on how life could be living with Autism. Alongside that, Longridge will offer activity taster sessions for a nominal fee. The proposed date is 18 March 2023 which falls within Autism awareness month.

Hopeful that further projects will come to fruition, we would welcome applications from across the board area.

Maximum project funding from the Community Board is £15,000. Any project over £1,000 requires contributory funding and there is also a small grants process for total project applications of up to £1,000, no contributory funding is required.