



Community Board South West Chilterns

Action Group: Economic Regeneration and Development

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Coming through the pandemic and looking at ways that the Board could support the Economic regeneration has proven to be challenging in terms of projects.

A crossover project with the Environment action group has provided financial support to Bourne End Junior Sports Club so they are able to improve the failing lighting in the main hall and the climbing wall area which attract so many members of the community on a daily basis and also provide facilities to the local schools.

Rural Economy has been a focus and the action group have undertaken a site visit to Kensham Farm where it was explained how the farming community have had to diversify in terms of income generation due to the pandemic and look at ways of funding their core farming costs. Looking at other farms within the area to gain a further understanding of the challenges that are still being faced.

Other areas of focus moving forward is to look at tourism across the Board area. Currently there are certain villages of interest that attract visitors due to film and TV focus which the local businesses benefit from.

Discussions have taken place about disused land that is around the Board area and how they can be developed and improved for the benefit of the community.

Local parks and play areas are also a forward focus and the Community Board are always looking at ways they can engineer improvements or provide additionality.

Looking ahead, the action group are looking to work closely with Buckinghamshire Council Regeneration Team and work on a plan to encourage some project development into the Board.