



Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts Community Board Meeting

Cllr Santokh Chhokar

23 February 2023

6pm Teams





Agenda

Chairman Welcome and Introduction

Apologies for Absence

Declaration of interest

Minutes of last meeting

Buckinghamshire Council Updates

Community Matters – public questions / petitions / policing update

Community Board Update / Review of 2022/23

Spotlight on Projects: CSG Playground; Denham Memory Café

Budget Position 2022/23

Looking Ahead 2023/24

Review of Board Priorities

Survey Feedback

Action Groups

Close





Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Update

Service Director Simon James



- Local Heritage Listing: [Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List website](#).
- ORCS funding for EV charge locations
- Local Plan update – sites to be published following wider call for sites: 700 sites have been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire, 300 brownfield sites, which can be seen here: [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](#)
- Visitor Economy survey (closed 17th Feb) to help shape the future of Buckinghamshire’s visitor economy sector.
- Current and upcoming consultations [Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)



Community Matters

Public Questions: questions from members of the public can be submitted in advance of the meeting to denham@chatfontts@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Petitions: Tilehouse Lane Traffic Calming

Policing Update: see Agenda Pack for latest newsletter from TVP



Tilehouse Lane (South) Petition for traffic calming

Neil O'Leary, Network Safety Team Leader

1. Summary:
 1. 62 signatures requesting “the council” to introduce traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speeds on Tilehouse Lane South, Denham.
 2. Based on the Buckinghamshire Council Network Safety Policy and the personal injury data available for Tilehouse Lane, funding for traffic calming measures cannot be provided through the Local Safety Scheme budget.
2. Content of report: description and information on Tilehouse Lane
3. Other options
4. Legal and financial implications
5. Corporate implications

Tilehouse Lane (South) Petition for traffic calming

6. Policy context (local and national)

7. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

Day Count	Day	Date	Time	Cars Passed	Speed 31-34	Speed 35-40	Speed - Over 40	30 &under	% of vehicles speeding
1	Tuesday	08/06/2022	17:00-18:00	72	11	2	0	59	18.1
2	Thursday	10/06/2022	08:00-09:00	140	14	12	2	112	20.0
3	Thursday	24/06/2022	08:20-09:20	158	31	32	7	88	44.3
4	Thursday	08/07/2022	08:30-09:30	112	43	20	6	43	61.6
5	Wednesday	13/07/2022	08:54-09:51	85	18	17	2	48	43.5
6	Thursday	15/07/2022	08:20-09:20	102	20	11	12	57	42.2
7	Friday	18/11/2022	19:45-20:50	98	33	15	3	47	52.0
8	Tuesday	06/12/2022	14:00-15:00	109	42	9	3	55	49.5

8. Communication, engagement & further consultation

9. Community Board action

10. Next steps and review

11. Background papers available as links within the agenda pack

12. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

Full report available in the Agenda pack



DGXC Community Board Update

Review of 2022/23

Cllr Santokh Chhokar



Highlights and Lessons Learned from 2022 / 23

Highlights

- Successful projects and total value of projects supported £286,557.16
- Positive impact on the community
- Community engagement (for eg. engagement event at Colston Hall, being present at Community Events, such as FOSP and Christmas Switch-ons)
- Engaging with our partners (eg. Town & Parish Councils (Chairs Meetings, Clerks Meetings, regular 1:1 catch ups with Clerks & CB Mgr) TVP, Clare Foundation, Colne valley) of which we hope to expand upon next year.
- Communications: Newsletter and Social Media (FB)

Lessons learned

- Increase engagement with partners and wider community
- 3 funding windows, proportioned on a sliding scale throughout the year (to reduce the pressure at the end of the year) with flexibility to respond outside of the schedule to time-sensitive projects
- Closer engagement with funding recipients to track projects and report back to the board
- Assist if supported projects encounter setbacks
- Action Groups – recent past has highlighted the benefits of operational Action Groups



Spotlight on Projects

Recent projects addressing the Cost of Living





Addressing Cost of Living / Health & Well Being

This Christmas, the Amersham & Villages Community Board partnered with the Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts; Missendens; Beaconsfield and Chesham Community Boards as well as Helping Hands, in supporting King's Church Christmas Lunch Hamper Project.

They provided 221 hampers and delivered them across the region helping to make Christmas Day Lunch that bit more special for over 700 people.



As an extra this year the King's Church also provided 240 stockings with 3360 items. All the toys were donated from The Entertainer and M&S provided the stockings.

The incredible project was all pulled together by Operations Manager Jane Thomas, who was moved by all the generosity and support, not just the grants and donations, but volunteers too, and most of all helping to make Christmas Day special for so many.

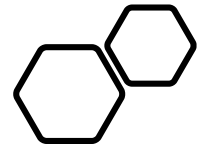
"We never take for granted all your lovely help, we are so so grateful. THANKYOU!"





We were delighted to support Denham Parish Church with the establishing of a new Warm Space in St. Mark's.

They opened their doors on January 18th 2023, and Rev Azita Jabbari and her team of volunteers will be sure to give you a warm welcome, along with Chelsea the dog too of course.





Chalfont St Giles Playground

Councillor Jane Chamberlain

Chalfont St Giles Parish Council





Strengthening our Communities: Health & Well- being, Young People Pheasant Hill Playground, Chalfont St Giles



Pheasant Hill Play Area is set in the village centre, adjacent to the duck pond and close to the village green, which is tired and in need of a makeover. Chalfont St Giles Parish Council were eager to renovate, but of particular interest was to make it fully inclusive to young people with disabilities.

The need was identified with a survey, which also sought to seek which facilities residents would like.

HS2 tunnel passes directly under the pond and play area, so Align was approached for funding having received approximate costing from a playground contractor.

Align agreed to give 50% of the costs provided the Parish could raise match funding, which was met by the Parish Council and the Denham, Gerrards Cross and The Chalfonts Community Board.

HAGS was selected following a tender process as their designs were fully inclusive with good guarantees for equipment and costs. The design for the new playground is fully inclusive with equipment for children of all abilities and will encourage development, improve motor skills, enhance creative imaginative ideas and complements the surrounding area.

The playground is due to be completed in May 2023 and will be launched with a celebration event, date to be confirmed.

Chalfont St Giles Parish Council would like to thank the Community Board for their grant which has helped make this project possible.



Bespoke Welcome Sign!



Ponds Play Panels

Bespoke Inclusive Junior and Toddler Multi-Unit!

Variety of Swings!

Leaf Rooves!

Inclusive Mirage Swing Seat

Designed for Inclusive play

Age Range **1-7** years

Timber Steel Ground Fixed

Slide!

Slide!

Seesaw!

Accessible Continuous Wetpour Pad

- The Five Principles for Designing Inclusive:**
1. Multi-sensory elements
 2. Accessibility
 3. Play for all
 4. Opportunity for calm
 5. Social environments



Leaf Hopscotch!

Toddler Basket Swing!

Duck Springer with backrest!

Telescope!

Climbing Wall

Toddler Spinner

Inclusive Steps!

Wooden Bridge

Inclusive Roundabout!

Shop Play

Climbing Net!

Firemans Pole

Inspired by River Misbourne



Project Update

Sharon Williams

Denham Parish Council



Health & Well Being

In July 2022, the Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts Community Board supported Denham Parish Council with their Memory Café for Dementia sufferers and their carers.

Using data from the local GP surgery, personal experience from residents and successful pilot sessions in 2021, Denham Parish Council identified a need to provide support for residents suffering from Dementia.

The project is led by a Dementia trained professional with the support of volunteers and focusses on games and activities that help open memories of the past that patients can remember more easily than those for example from the previous day.

The Sunshine Singers lead a sing-a-long and Chair Yoga sessions have also been offered.

They have lunch consisting of sandwiches and cakes and more tea and coffee! We have a professional lady who specialises in Dementia, and she attends each session and chats and will give advice, there is a separate room to the side of the hall where they can have confidential conversations.

We have had carers come back and say that whilst they don't normally remember things day to day, they do remember coming to the café and when are they going back. Which is a great delight to hear.

Currently we have people coming from Denham, Harefield and Iver and are now going to open up to Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter.





Budget Position – 2022/2023

Overview & List of Projects Supported



Funding Summary Report for DGXC Community Board

23 February 2023

Community Board Fund 2022/2023	Spend to date (21 February 2023)	Remaining Budget as of 21 February	Project in Process (NB. Not all can be supported this FY)
£114,206.00	£105,602.56	£8,603.44	£10,295.20

Title	Applicant	Priority	Total Project Cost	Contributory Funding	CB Award
Memory Café	Denham Parish Council	Health & Wellbeing	£5,070.00	£2,000.00	£3,070.00
Playground Equipment Gerrards Cross	Gerrards Cross Town Council	Health & Wellbeing	£59,602.00	£44,602.00	£15,000.00
Village pond refurbishment CSG	Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Community Building	£55,000.00	£40,000.00	£15,000.00
Chalfont St Peter Verge Bollards	Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	Highways & Environment	£5,454.00	£-	£5,454.00
Explore the Woods Multi-board with Amersham	Old Hanging Wood	Health & Wellbeing & Environment	£7,722.00	£6,292.00	£1,430.00
Silver Sunday	Denham Garden Village	Health & Wellbeing	£1,964.27	£1,060.00	£904.27
River Misbourne Fencing	Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	Community Building	£7,590.00	£5,590.00	£2,000.00
Pheasant Hill Playground Refurb	Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Health & Wellbeing	£70,000.00	£55,000.00	£15,000.00
Pathways East & West Common	Gerrards Cross Town Council	Community Building	£10,949.25	£5,470.00	£5,479.25

Title	Applicant	Priority	Total Project Cost	Contributory Funding	CB Award
Chalfont Road Parking Review	Seer Green Parish Council	Highways / Parking	£9,183.05	£1,000.00	£8,183.05
Old Mill Road Denham Parking	Denham	Highways / Parking	£8,462.78	£4,231.39	£4,231.39
Community Centre Window Repair	CSP Community Centre	Community Building	£1,080.00	£80.00	£1,000.00
Natural Environmental/Biodiversity Study on Parish Council Land	Seer Green Parish Council	Environment	£4,730.00	£473.00	£4,257.00
King's Church Hampers	King's Church, Amersham	Health & Wellbeing COL	£7,700.00	£7,140.00	£560.00
Warm Space St Marks	Denham Parish Church	Health & Wellbeing COL	£335.00	£-	£335.00
Hedgerley Defibrillators	Hedgerley Parish Council	Health & Wellbeing	£2,998.60	£1,350.00	£1,648.60
CSG Parking review	Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Highways / Parking	£23,066.21	£8,066.21	£15,000.00
Jubilee Walk	Seer Green Parish Council	Env / H & WB / Community Safety	£5,650.00	£600.00	£5,050.00
GX Bike Racks	Gerrards Cross Town Council	Env	£3,838.98	£1,838.98	£2,000.00
		TOTAL	£286,557.16	£182,954.60	£105,602.56
			Budget Remaining		£8,603.44



Projects in Process



Title	Applicant	Priority	Total Project Cost	Contributory Funding	CB Contribution	Passed Due Diligence? (DD)
Next Gen	Natalie Davis, The Wellbeing Generation	Health & Wellbeing / Youth	£8,555.00	£1,750.00	£6,805.00	Y
Coronation Celebration for Older People	All Together Community	Health & Wellbeing	£200.00	£-	£200.00	N
Hedgerley Flagpole	Hedgerley Parish Council	Wellbeing / Community	£955.20	£-	£955.20	N
Social Prescribing - Group Activities Programme Seed Funding	Chiltern Open Air Museum	Health & Wellbeing	£9,334.00	£6,999.00	£2,335.00	Y
	TOTALS		£19,044.20	£8,749.00	£10,295.20	



Looking Ahead to 2023/24

Review of Existing Priorities

Survey Feedback

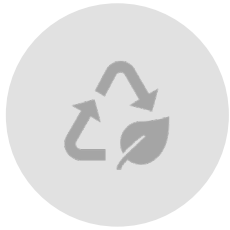
Action Groups

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Aims of DGXC Community Board

- *'To connect the Council with community groups, organisations, partners and residents to understand what matters to them and work together to problem solve.'*
- In March 2022, we identified four top priorities:



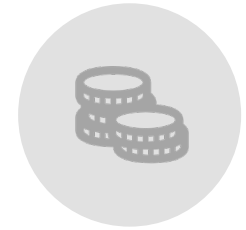
ENVIRONMENT



HEALTH &
WELLBEING



COMMUNITY SAFETY
& HIGHWAYS

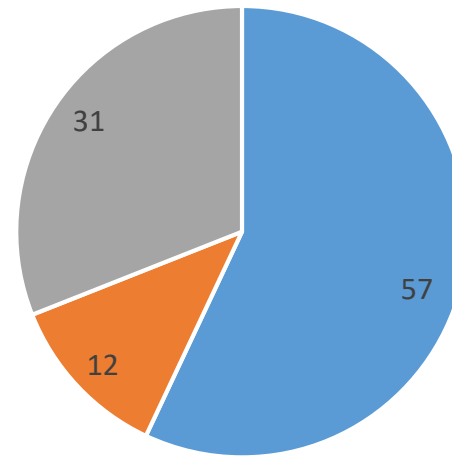


ECONOMIC
REGENERATION

DGXC 2022/23 Budget

- Total Budget: £114,206
- Spend to date: £105,602
- 19 projects

Breakdown of spend by Priority Area

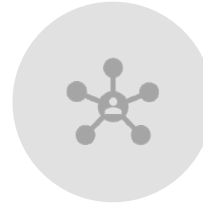


- Community Building / Health & Wellbeing
- Environment
- Community Safety & Highways

Survey



Conducted 30th Jan – 15th Feb



Via email contacts, through networks & hard copies in community spaces



More than treble the number of responses received



To help us identify what is important to the community



To help us decide what working groups would bring most benefit



Which projects to prioritise to improve the local area

Our key priorities - a summary

We want to make Buckinghamshire the best place to live, raise a family, work and do business.

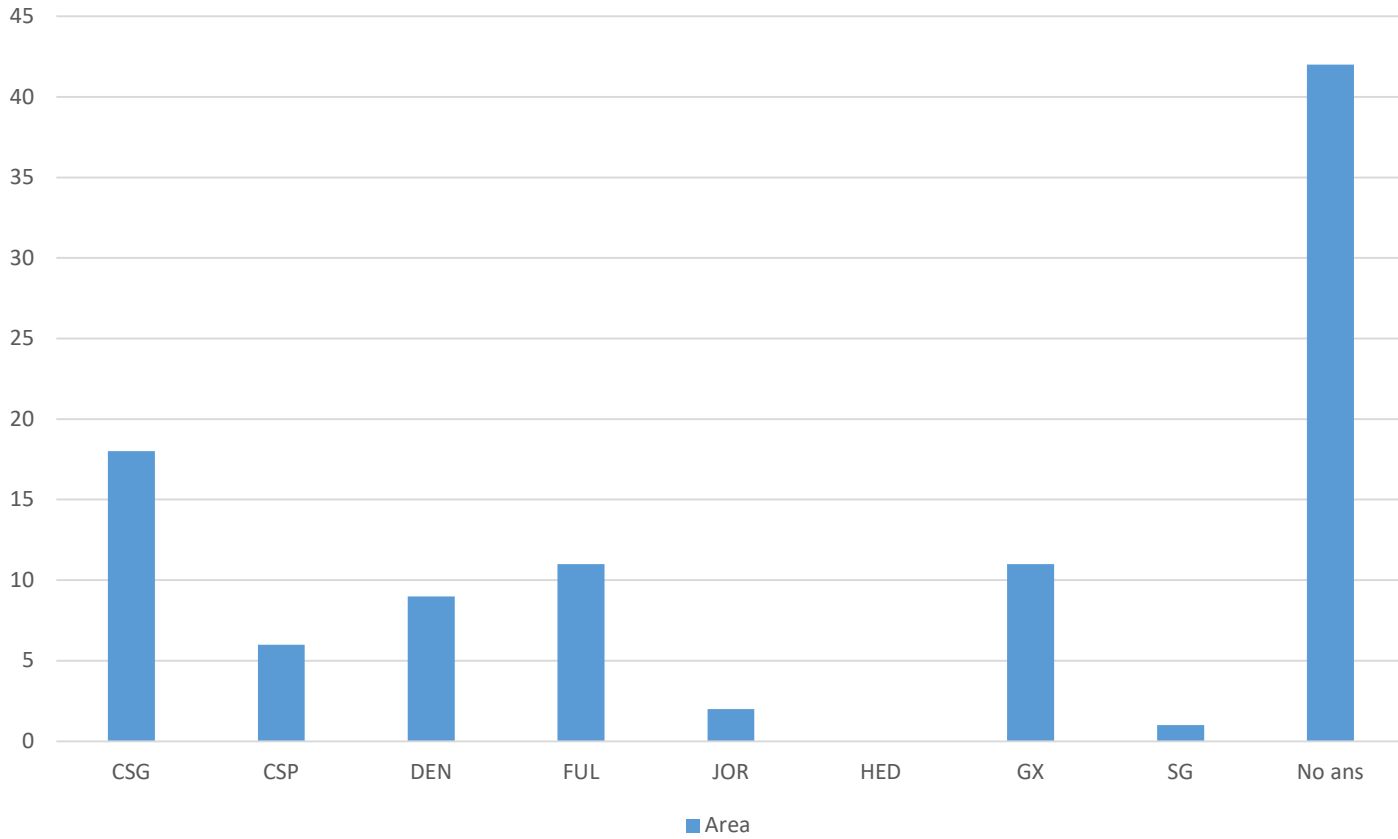




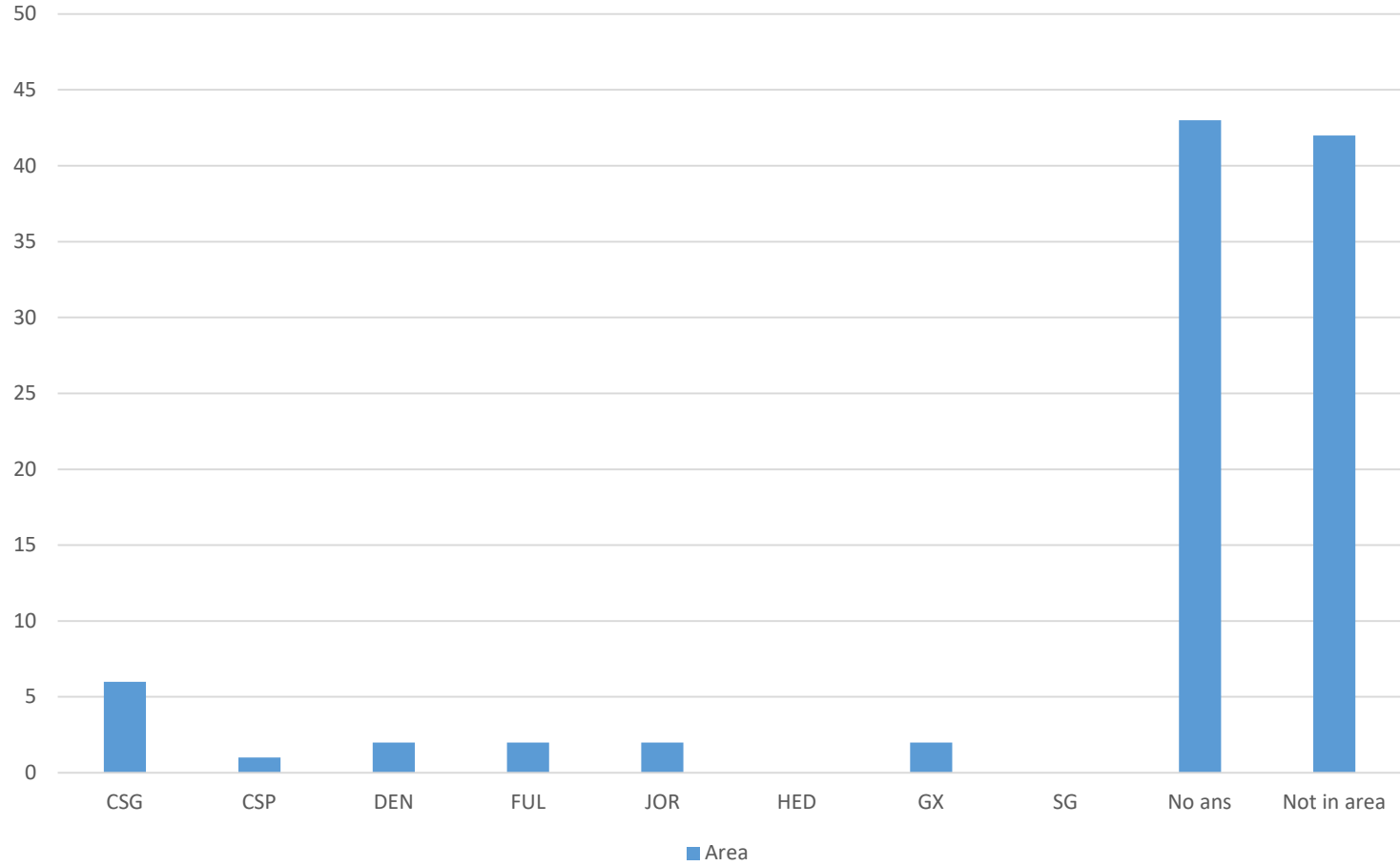
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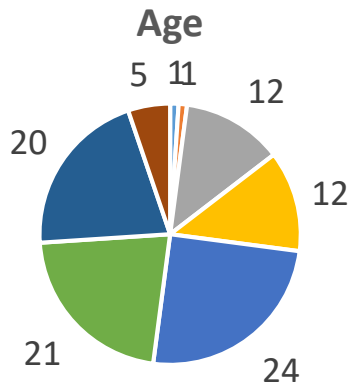


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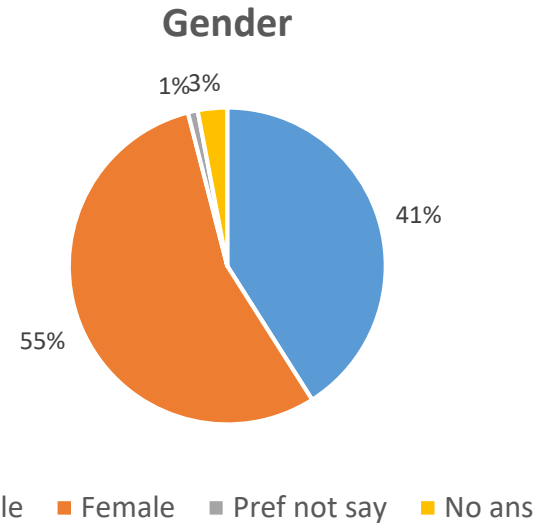


Work / Study

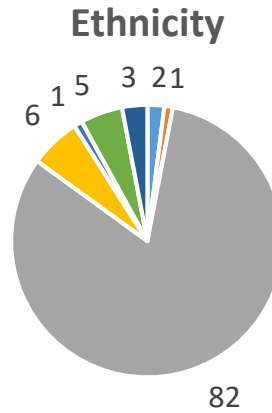




- 16-24 ■ 25-34 ■ 35-44 ■ 45-54
- 55-64 ■ 65-74 ■ 75-84 ■ 85+



- Male ■ Female ■ Pref not say ■ No ans



- Asian-Indian ■ Other Asian ■ White British ■ White Eurp
- White Other ■ Pref not say ■ No ans



Survey - Headline Results



Community Safety 43%



Infrastructure & Highways 20%



Protecting and Enhancing the local Environment /addressing climate change 17%



Strengthening my Community / Promoting Health & Wellbeing 15%



Economic Sustainability & vibrancy 5%

Population



There are 38,823 people living in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area

Vulnerable groups



6.3% of children are living in poverty in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area, compared with 9.5% across Buckinghamshire

Housing



0.9% of households lack central heating in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area, compared with 1.4% across Buckinghamshire

Crime and safety



There are higher levels of crime in Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts (IoD 2019 Crime Rank=23,349) compared with the Buckinghamshire average (IoD 2019 Crime Rank=23,367). N.B. A higher number indicates a lower level of Crime deprivation.

Health and wellbeing



Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board has a higher life expectancy for men (82. years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 81.7 years (England average 79.4). The life expectancy for women is higher (85.8 years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 85.1 years (England average 83.1).

Education and skills



14.6% of people have no qualifications in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area compared with 16.8% across Buckinghamshire

Economy



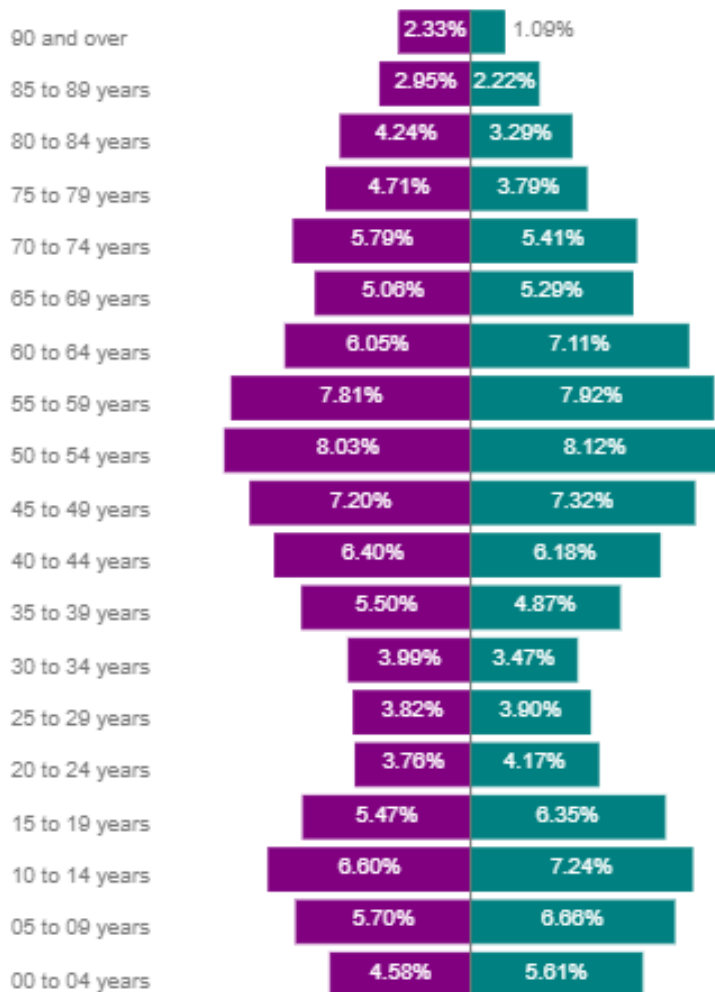
1.9% of people are in receipt of unemployment benefit (JSA and UC) in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area compared with 2.7% across Buckinghamshire

Access and transport



8.7% of households have no car in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area compared with 12.6% across Buckinghamshire

● Female ● Male



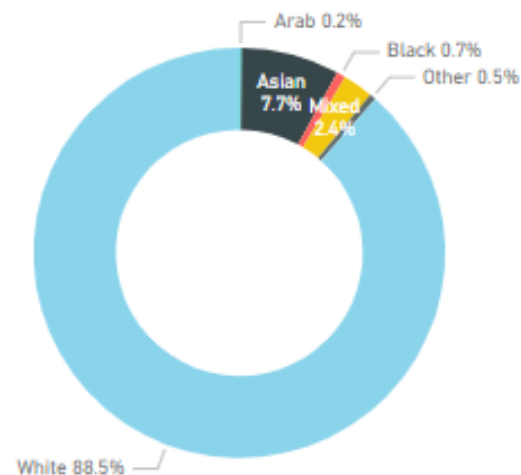
Source: Population by age - Office for National Statistics (ONS), Annually (published September 2021); Ethnicity - ONS - 2011 census, 2011; IMD - Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), 2019.

There are an estimated 38,823 people living in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area.

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board has fewer young people than the county average, with 19.5% of the population under 16 years of age (Buckinghamshire average 20.7%, England average 19.2%) and more older people than the county average, with 23.2% of the population aged 65+ (Buckinghamshire average 19.0%, England average 18.5%)

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board is less ethnically diverse than Buckinghamshire as a whole. Ethnic minorities (excluding white minorities) make up 11.4% of the population compared with 13.6% in Buckinghamshire overall, and 14.6% in England.

Ethnicity



The maps do not match the Community Board boundaries covering the Community Board. These are geographical boundaries of the Community Boards.

Conclusion

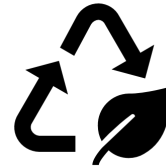
Priorities for 2023/24



Community Safety



**Infrastructure &
Highways**



**Sustainability:
Environmental,
Economic &
Social/Community**



**Health &
Wellbeing**

Action Groups - Purpose

- Action groups relate to priorities
- Explore specific issues within priorities
- Develop expertise
- Expand local knowledge – speakers invited
- Network, collaborate and form partnerships
- Scrutinise and make recommendations to the Board for funding where applicable (via the Funding Panel)

Action Groups, Chairs & Members

2022/23	2023/24
Community Safety & Transport Chair: Tony Shinner, Vice: Jonathan Rush	Community Safety Proposed Chair: Tony Shinner, Vice: Jonathan Rush
Improving the Environment Chair: Simon Rouse, Vice: Norman Barnett	Infrastructure & Highways Proposed: Jonathan Rush
Economic Sustainability Chair: Steve Weston, Vice: Jane Chamberlain	Sustainability Proposed:
Health & Wellbeing Chair: Isobel Darby Vice: Guy Hollis	Health & Wellbeing Proposed Chair: Isobel Darby

Members – to be made up of representatives across the board area, ideally at least one from each Parish

Community Boards 2023/24





Thank you

Next meeting date: 12th July via Teams

Please tell us of your Community Events &

Keep in touch via:

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