

## Report to the Wexham and Ivers Community Board The Iver Heath Village Hall Car Park Refurbishment

The Iver Heath Village Hall is a registered charity which operates the venue for the community.

The below report was written by Claire Mowat as she was the Chair Person of the committee during the period while this project was planned and completed.

### Car Park Improvements

As a result of the funding from Wexham and Ivers Community Board the following works were carried out:

- Tarmac Resurfacing of part of the car park and access road
- Creation of a disabled parking bay
- New white lining
- Creation of a one way system
- Installation of car stops
- New signage



### Impact

Pot holes and an uneven surface have been removed. It is now much safer for pedestrians and cars.

The disabled parking bay is much clearer and larger and conforms to legislation. We have noticed that fewer drivers without the appropriate blue badge are using it.

The bays are clearer and more efficiently laid out meaning that we have been able to create more spaces.

The one way system has improved the flow, particularly at school drop off and pick up.

The car stops prevent cars driving directly on to the road and creates only one exit point from the car park, which is significantly safer.

The car park and site looks much better.

We have subsequently also improved the lighting to the site at our own cost.



Comments from hirers and parents from the school have been positive about the changes.

Thank you to the Community Board, we would not have been able to carry out this project without your support.

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We thank Claire Mowat and Sue Wilson for their efforts during their long tenure with the Iver Heath Village Hall Charity and overseeing this project.

Since being asked to take over from Claire and Sue, we have spent time observing the outcome to the project and have made the below notes on how we would hope to improve on this project or future projects:

- Improve consultation with hirers. Some hirers were unaware of the works. We are working to improve updates with hirers and providing more opportunities for dialogue so their viewpoints to be considered.
- Some of the committee felt they were not fully consulted on this project and so we keen to involve them more and provide more of a 'team effort' atmosphere.
- We previously had two bays marked for use by visitors with disabilities. We now only have one. This may be work we need to complete to add a second bay following feedback.
- Many users of the car park were unaware of the change in direction in the car park. While road markings are clear, they are not always easily seen by approaching vehicles especially when they visit infrequently – for example the annual pantomime by our resident drama club. We have installed temporary signs to see if they help make the direction clearer and asked the Iver Heath Junior School for their support monitoring the behaviour of their parents. Some of the actions of some parents are a cause for concern and it has been hard to establish a dialogue with the adjacent school.
- We have observed some vehicles driving over the 'car stops' so we may consider bollards or posts with chains in the future as this action damages the car stops and the kerb.
- Part of the project included some work on the access road which is not the responsibility of the village hall. We have contact with the Estates Department of Buckinghamshire Council who act as our landlords– for example they recently came to clear the drains after contact from us.
- We have added reflective tape to the car stops as it as identified they could be a trip hazard (black stops on black tarmac) during the dark winter nights.
- We are aware of a proposal to install EV chargers in the region and while we have not been officially contacted regarding having a charger fitted in our car park, we are open to the idea and discussion as a benefit to our community hub and improving our local air quality.
- Following feedback, we plan to install an additional exterior light this year by the car park/footpath crossing point to improve lighting especially on winter nights.



We are very grateful for the support of our community and the support we have from the Wexham and Ivers Community Board. We are working hard to revitalise our community venue. Please do reach out to us if the hall is able to support your efforts.

Matthew & Caroline Streuli  
Co-Chairs of Iver Heath Village Hall since October 2022.



# Iver Heath Village Hall

A charity operated by a Management Committee of  
Volunteers for the Community. Registration No. 300285



Our venue is in the centre of Iver Heath, just 14 minutes from Wexham Park Hospital with easy connections to Uxbridge, Slough, the M40 and M4. Hirers and visitors to our venue have priority use of our car park, a wheelchair accessible toilet and free Wifi throughout.

Perfect for Meetings, Exercise Classes, Community Events like Jumble Sales and Consultations, Away Days or Training Events, Family gatherings like Birthday Parties and so much more...

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