



South West Chilterns Community Board Meeting

Chairman Cllr Mark Turner

19 July 2023

Methodist Church, Marlow



Agenda

Chairman's Welcome

Apologies for absence

Declarations of Interest

Notes of Last Meeting

Presentation – Marlow Flood Fayre – Jed Ramsay, Strategic Flood Management Team and Caitlin William, Project Groundwater

Presentation – Smart Energy Show – Nick Rowcliffe

Presentation – The Environment through Buckinghamshire Council's Eyes – Cerys Williams, Environmental Protection Officer, Buckinghamshire Council.

Presentation – Bourne End Academy Garden Project – Ian Blazey

Community Matters:

Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Update – Wendy Morgan-Brown, Buckinghamshire Council

Funding update – Makyla Devlin – Senior Community Board Manager

Proud of Bucks – Makyla Devlin – Senior Community Board Manager

Public questions received in advance – to be presented by the Chairman

Any Other Business

Date of the next meetings – 4 October 2023 – Lane End (venue to be confirmed)

14 February 2024 – (location and venue to be confirmed)



Marlow Flood Fayre

Jed Ramsay – Strategic Flood Management Team, Buckinghamshire Council

Caitlin Williams – Project Manager, Project Groundwater, Buckinghamshire Council



Groundwater: The Forgotten Flooding

Jed Ramsay, Project Leader

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Project Groundwater

Are you flood resilient?

Project Groundwater



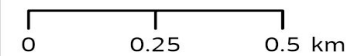
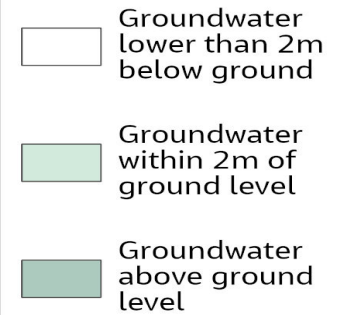
Flood Risk Maps



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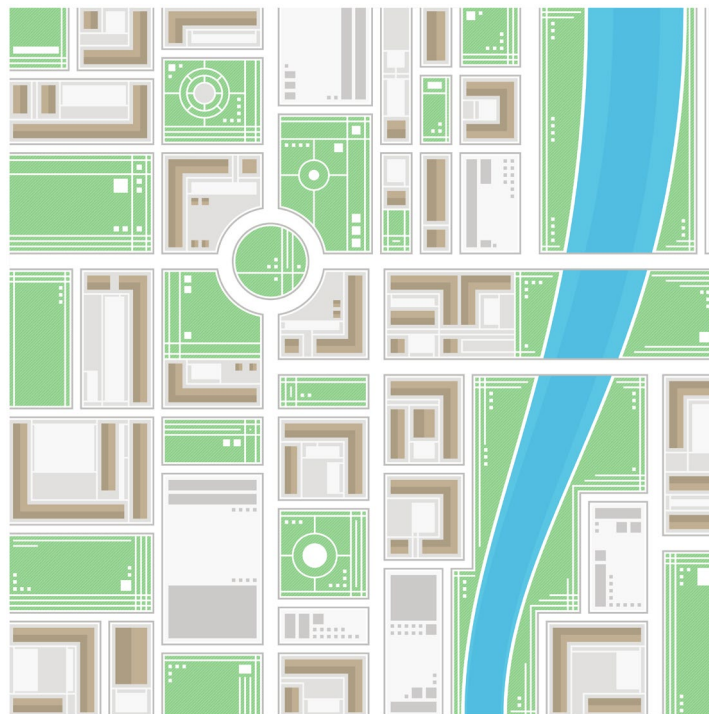


Groundwater Depth Below Ground Level



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Planning & groundwater flooding



How do we monitor groundwater levels?



Drones



Can we better protect homes?



What about Natural Flood Management?

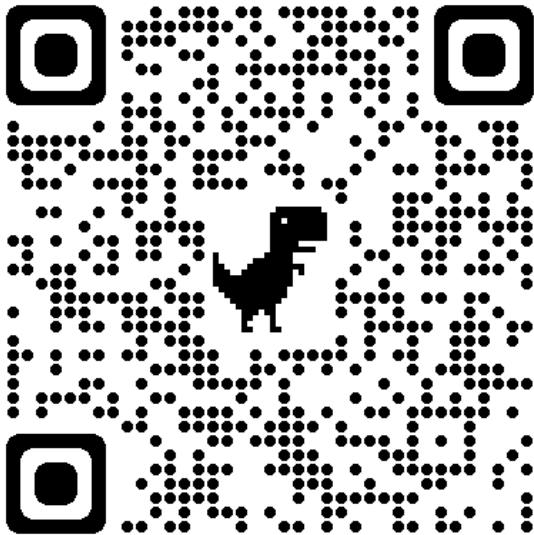


Mental health & wellbeing



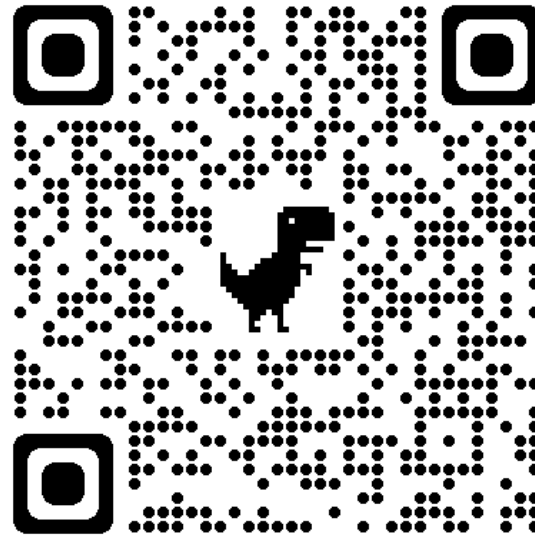
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Could we do more together?



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www.projectgroundwater.co.uk



Contact Jed

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Marlow Flood Fayre Event

- 19th September
2pm- 8pm
- 20th September
9:30am -
12:30pm
- Court Garden
House, Pound
Lane, Marlow

- In collaboration with local
flooding projects
- Opportunity to speak to
important flood
management organizations
- Planned school visits



Smart Energy Show

Nick Rowcliffe



Marlow Energy Group's plans for the Smart Energy Show

- The Smart Energy Show showcases smarter, more efficient, greener household energy
- Its goal is to stimulate as many people as possible to invest or make practical changes.
- The event rationale is that 17% of UK GHG emissions are from domestic space heating & hot water. Domestic appliances & lighting add to this.
- The show is called “smart” energy, not “eco” or “green” to emphasise people’s agency and personal as well as planetary benefits of acting. The strapline is cut bills, boost comfort, fight climate change.
- The show is aimed primarily at households; but also business.
- Location: Shelley Theatre in Court Garden Leisure Centre
- There’s a big opportunity to do the show in Bucks. Many changes require investment, and in Beaconsfield constituency household income is 34% above the GB average and 70% of the population is ABC1 vs GB 54%. Also, 15% of homes in Bucks are not on the gas grid so likely have an even stronger financial case to engage.
- There’s a big need to do the show in Buckinghamshire because domestic emissions are high. In Marlow average per-household electricity use is one-third higher than across England, and gas use two-fifths higher.
- We aim to attract households from the region, not just Marlow. This can drive higher visitor numbers, enabling a larger, better show for Marlovians while maximising overall impact..
- The target is 500 visitors over a full day. Quite ambitious. Though room capacity is greater. There is space for 20 exhibitors. Aiming for a broad spread of technologies to show visitors there are many more options than they probably realise.
- Key provider specialisms aiming to represent are retrofit assessment, fabric insulation, efficient glazing, solar PV, home batteries, EV charging, heat pumps, mechanical ventilation, architectural design, smart energy management, infrared heat, time-of-use electricity tariffs, and eco-efficient appliances.
- Financing is part grant funding and part commercial income. Confirmed grants from MET & TTM, and preparing requests to SWCCB & MTC.
- Buckinghamshire’s climate team is providing practical support, and we’re expecting Buckinghamshire “Energy Doctors” to take a stand.



The Environment through Buckinghamshire Council's Eyes

Cerys Williams

Environmental Protection Officer

Buckinghamshire Council



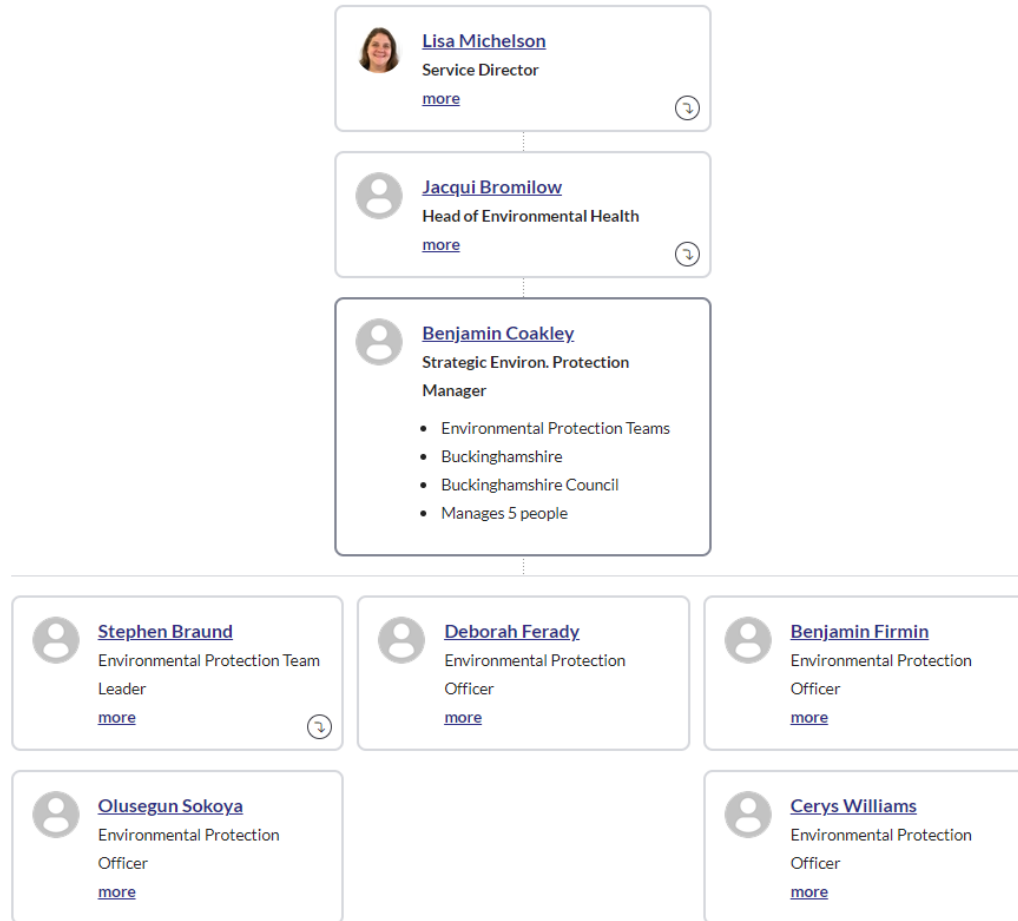


Air Quality and Defra Air Quality Grant Initiative

CLEAN UP OUR AIR



Strategic Environmental Protection Team



Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) Review and Assessment

- Monitoring – Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). Passive diffusion tubes (149 sites) and automatic continuous monitoring (2 sites)
- Reporting – Annual Status Report to Defra
- Designation of an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) where an objective or objectives are being exceeded – NO₂ 40µg/m³
- Development of an action plan
- Aim: Revoke AQMA

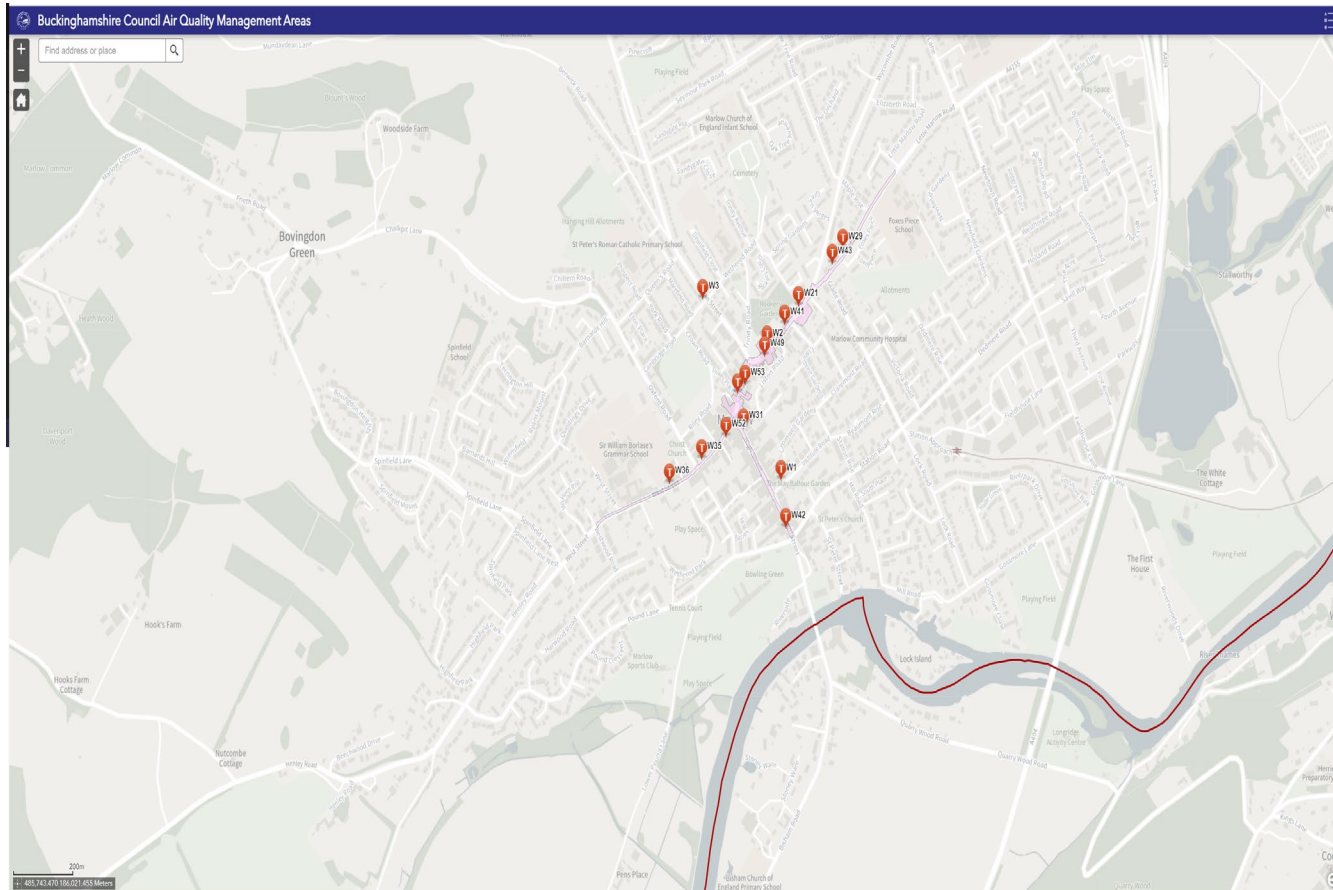


NO₂ Diffusion Tube



Continuous Monitor

Diffusion Tube Monitoring Locations



Results of monitoring can be found in our Annual Status Report on our website:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/air-quality/air-quality-management-reviews-and-annual-reports/>

Defra Air Quality Grant

Buckinghamshire Council awarded Defra Grant in 2021/22 to create air quality toolkits for Local Community Boards and Local schools with materials to enable them to carry out campaigns and to raise awareness of local air quality issues.



Air Quality Toolkit Contents

- Access to data from 1 multi-pollutant sensor
- Education Pack - including presentations, videos on multi-pollutant sensors and study and PDF notes on use of the sensor. (Will be available on our website asap)
- 8 Anti-Idling Correx signs A3
- 2 Anti-Idling Correx signs A1
- 10 High Viz Vests
- 50 Refillable Pens
- 50 Pencils with seeds
- Mesh PVC free banner (2m x 1m)



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Airly Sensor at Holy Trinity School, Marlow



Monitoring Data from Sensor

Buckinghamshire Council Monitoring Data

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Local authority/customer...

Marlow Holy Trinity School (AIY001)

Latitude: 51.575480 **Inlet Height:** 2.5 metres
Longitude: -0.776668 **Environment:** Urban
Date Started: 24/03/2023 **Background**

Latest Data

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Exceedance Summary

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Annual Statistics

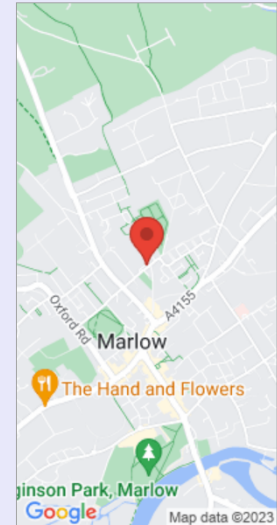
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PM _{2.5} particulate matter (Hourly measured)	Low (Index 1)	1 µg/m ³	24 Hour mean

Note: Values are based on provisional data. Data are GMT hour ending.

PM₁₀ is measured as a running 24 hour mean, up to the current hour, and the band/index is calculated accordingly.



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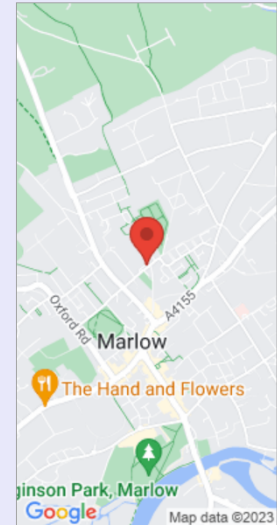
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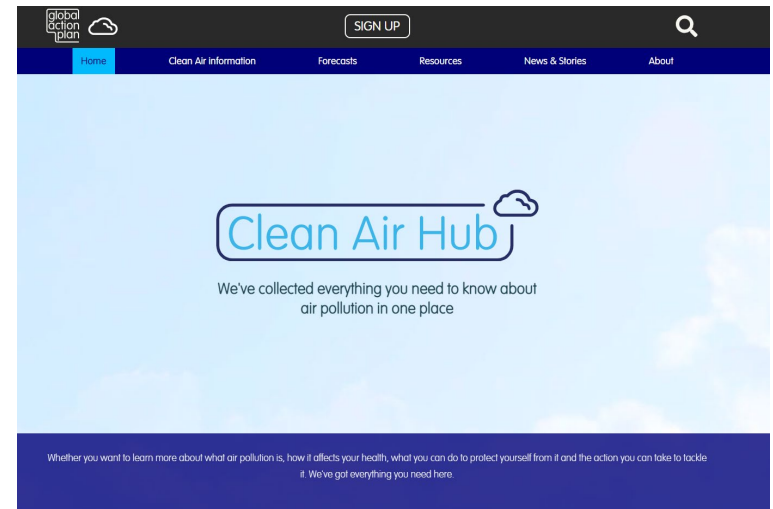


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Clean Air Hub

- Good source of information on Air Pollution
 - Includes information on
 - Reducing emissions
 - Reducing exposure
 - Toolkits for Workplaces, Communities and Schools
- www.cleanairhub.org.uk



Thank you for listening

Any Questions?

Strategic Environmental Protection Team

Air Quality Webpage:

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Bourne End Academy – Garden Project

Ian Blazey



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- In March 2020 we started a BEA after school Gardening club.
- With funding from British Science week and the local Rotary club



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- Students came down to Peggs allotment, where the Wooburn and Bourne End Parish council had donated a plot.
- However, Covid lockdown hit later that month.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



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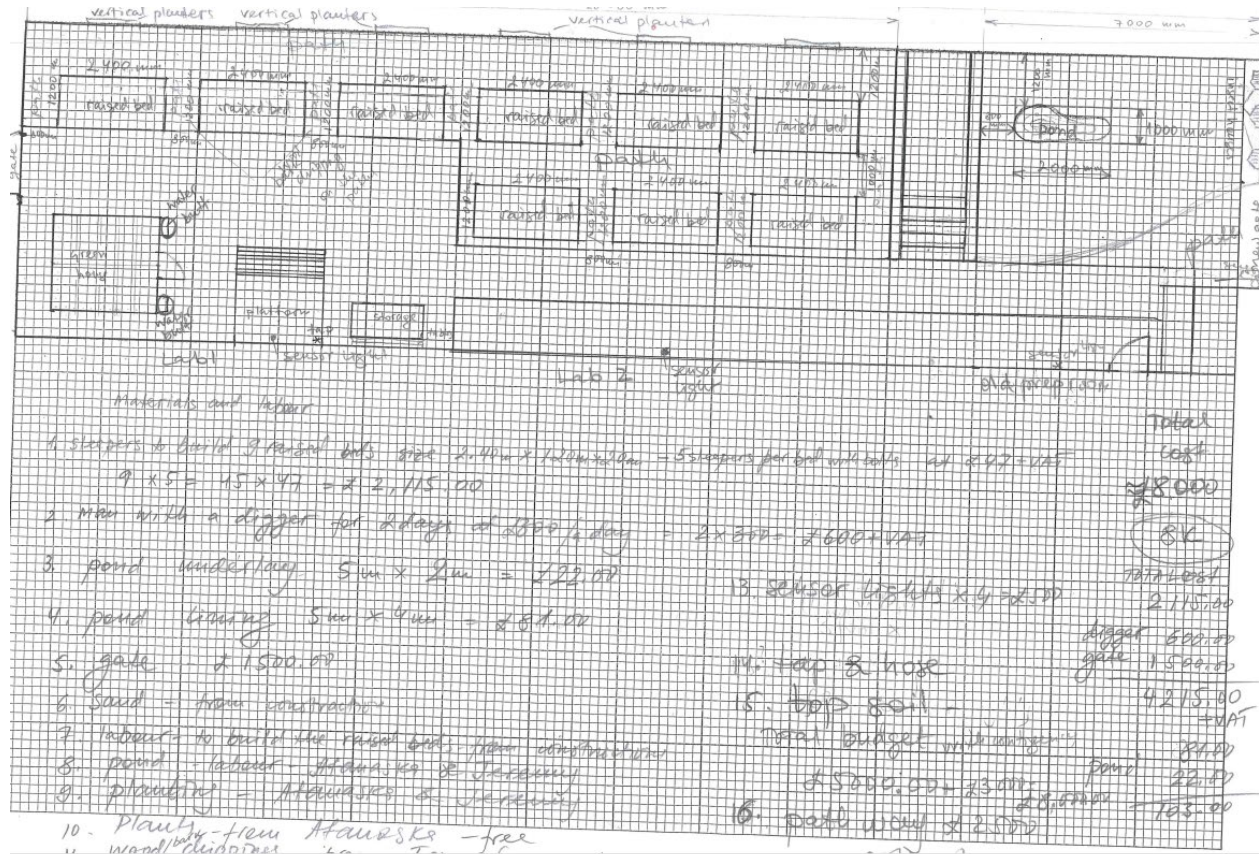


- In June 2022 BEA allocated a plot of land at the school site to become the Gardening club.





Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



BEA Garden Project budget



List of Items needed for creating a gardening area behind Lab 1 & Lab 2 and estimated cost

1. Sleepers to build 9 raised beds size 2.40 m X 1.20 m X 0.40 cm and steps – total 45 sleepers and bolts for them priced at £47.00 + VAT –total £2,115
2. Membrane lining for the pond- size 5 m X 4 m - £ 81
3. Lining underlay for the pond- size 5 m X 2 m - £ 22
4. Digger and a man- hire cost for 2 days at £300 per day + VAT- total £600 + VAT
5. Bark chippings - free arranged by Ian Blazey
6. Sand, bricks and large stones to place at the bottom of the pond- free arranged by the constructions and the science technicians
7. Gate- to close the area between the existing fence and the chemical cupboard - £ 1,500
8. Labour to build the raised beds- from construction
9. Labour to build the pond- from the science technicians
10. Plants- free arranged by Atanaska Lindsay
11. Green house- free arranged by Ian Blazey
12. Paved path to access the area- £2,500 as per previous quote
13. Tap and hose- £100
14. 4 Sensor lights - £500
15. Topsoil- £300
16. Contingencies

Rough estimate- £8,000

Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- The project was proposed to the school, but unfortunately no major school funding was available for the project.
- We appealed to parents, local residents and organisations for donations.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- A greenhouse was donated by a local resident.
- The construction department dismantled and transported it to site.
- Construction students repaired the woodwork, varnished it and replaced the broken glazed panes with polythene.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- Wooburn and Bourne End Parish council donated £4,000 towards the costs.
- The site needed to be secured to protect the plants grown from the local muntjac population



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- The palisade fence was extended to enclose the plot, and a lockable gate was installed.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- A smooth pavement was constructed so deliveries and students could access the site safely.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- Eighty wooden sleepers were sourced and built into raised beds.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- Retaining walls have been built to support a walkway above the beds.
- The design had to change as shallow gas pipes and water mains were found.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- Plants were started as seedlings in the Spring, transplanted into pots and grown on in the greenhouse and then planted into the raised beds in the Summer term.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- A rotating composter was donated to encourage the production of our own compost.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- Water butts were also donated by local residents.
- Additional butts have been bought to allow the collection of rainwater from the roof run off.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- The students are now taking responsibility for weeding, pruning and watering the tomatoes, peppers, chillies, aubergines and herbs planted



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- The Gardening club runs every Thursday after school.
 - There are also Gardening Societies run on Wednesday lunchtimes with rotating lists of students choosing to attend.
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Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- Students are delighted when the first crops are forming



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



- In the ARP (Additional Support Department) students have produced painted stones and asked if they could be displayed in the Garden



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



The Next Phases

- The soil is very poor quality.
- The students are weeding the beds, covering with cardboard and planting green manures.
- Two tonnes of topsoil and well-rotted manure is on order to improve the fertility of the beds.



Bourne End Academy Gardening Club



The Next Phases

- The entrance area is to be planned as a Biodiverse and Wellbeing garden
- A pond will be dug and planted with water plants, to encourage invertebrates and amphibians.
- Wildflower areas will be planted and paths and seating areas for some of our students to have quiet zones, away from the stimulation of the school playgrounds.





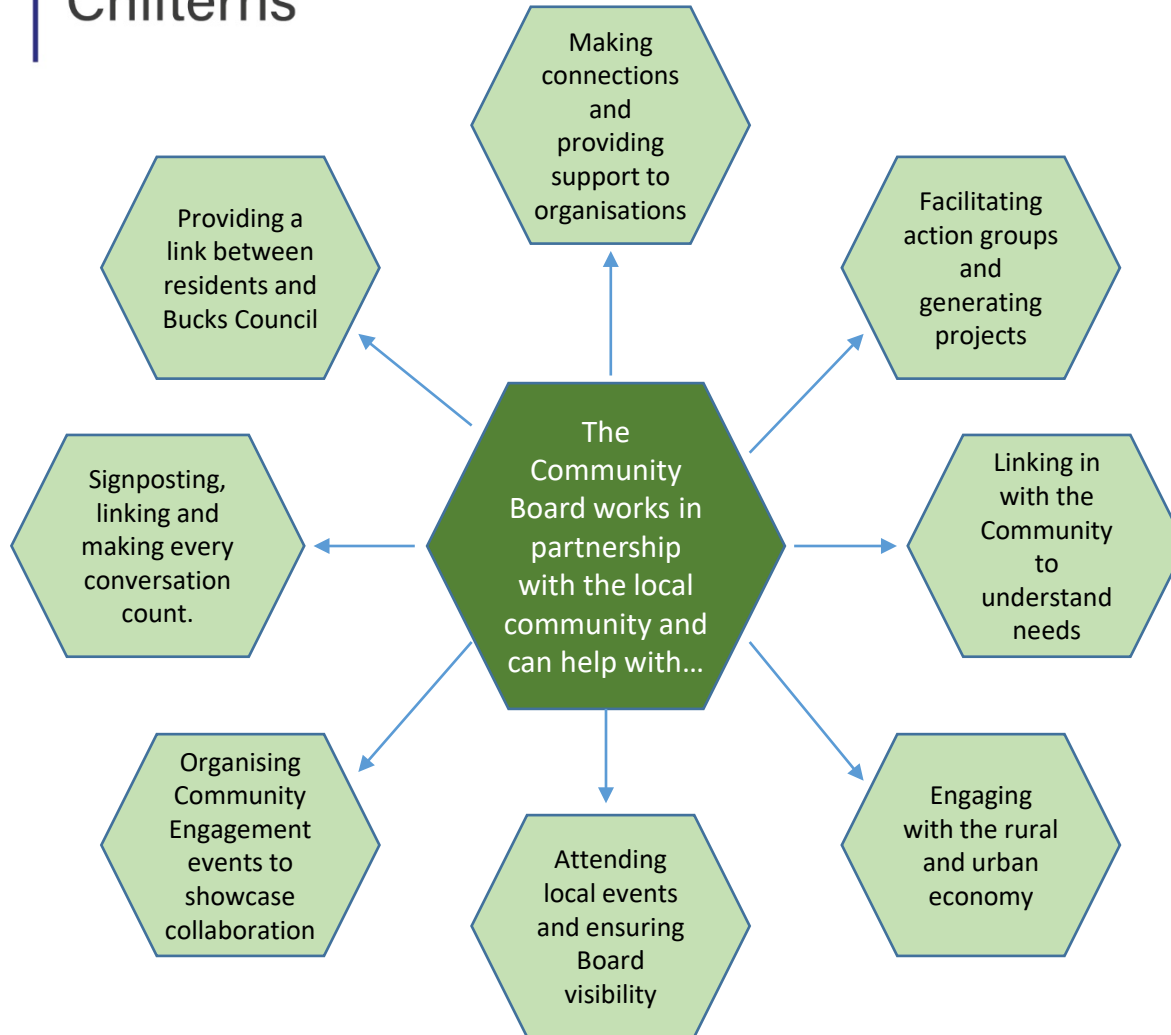
Community Board South West Chilterns

- The Community Board Manager links in with the local community groups and locations on a weekly basis
- Looking to hold weekly drop-ins at both Marlow and Bourne End Libraries and other partnership locations
- Engaging with community groups through their localised events
- Developing the Community Board Facebook page
- The creation of a Board newsletter is currently underway
- During 2023 so far, South West Chiltern Community Board has funded 4 community projects with 1 being processed through the internal due diligence process with further applications in the pipeline along with 3 highways schemes which have been identified for funding and are still under discussion.
- 2023/2024 budget is £116,402
- There are 4 active and engaging action groups, Community Health and Wellbeing, Economic Development, Urban and Rural, Environment and Climate Change and Highways and Infrastructure. Everyone is welcome to attend the action groups. For further details, please contact Makyla makyla.devlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Community Board

South West Chilterns





Community Matters

Buckinghamshire Council Corporate update – Wendy Morgan-Brown

Funding Update – Makyla Devlin, Senior Community Board Manager

Proud of Bucks Awards – Makyla Devlin, Senior Community Board Manager

Public Questions – received in advance – Chairman Cllr Mark Turner.





Corporate Update

Wendy Morgan-Brown
Head of Service





Funding Update

Makyla Devlin

Senior Community Board Manager



Funding Summary Report
South West Chilterns Community Board
19 July 2023

This paper provides a summary of the funding applications received, considered or in the pipeline for your information.

The table below details the current budget position for the South West Chilterns Community Board.

Community Board Fund 23/24	Spend to date (18/07/2023)	Allocated or potential projects to date (18/07/2023)	Remaining budget as of 18/07/2023
£116,402	£8,717.77	£15,000	£92,684.23

Funding applications that have been received by the South West Chilterns Community Board and their current status are detailed in the below table.

Funding applications received 2023/2024				
Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from the Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Bourne End Academy	Garden Project	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000
Target Magazine	Coronation Memory edition	£2,730	£2,750	£2,730
Wild Marlow	Surveying project	£989.45	N/A as small grant	£989.45
Lane End Youth & Community Centre	Playscheme	£998.32	N/A as small grant	£989.45

Potential Schemes subject to internal due diligence				
Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from the Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Finings Wood Community Group	Rooted in the Community	£15,000	£575,000	TBC

Highways Schemes				
Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from the Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
None for 2023/2024				



Proud of Bucks

Makyla Devlin

Senior Community Board Manager



Proud of Bucks Awards - 2022

The South West Chilterns Proud of Bucks Awards took place on Thursday 22 June at The Library, Bourne End.

The evening showcased the nominees for the 3 award categories, Local Community Champion, Young Community Champion and Community Group Contribution which included winners and highly commended.

Providing collaboration, vocal entertainment was provided by Michelle Bewley who is the Senior Social Prescriber in the Board area.

(hover over the bottom of the picture to press play)



Local Community Champion – Winner

Robert Rendal - The winner is a volunteer with a dedicated heart of gold who tirelessly coordinates, volunteers, fundraises and champions the ethos that is behind the Lady Ryder Memorial Gardens in Parmoor near Frieth. For anyone who hasn't visited there, you really should to have an understanding on the impact this amazing walled garden has amongst the communities of South West Chilterns and attracts others from further afield.

This is a walled garden of tranquillity providing a haven of peace, thought and space to reflect on life, learn new skills within the garden and above all relax.

This individual is deserving as his selfless pursuit of securing this facility for the disadvantaged and people suffering and living with mental health and other issues



Local Community Champion – Highly Commended

Phil Laybourne - recognised for going out in all weathers both during and post covered with his camera taking photographs to show people who could not get out who live in the Bourne End and Wooburn Green whilst raising money for Thames Hospice to a total of well over £10,000 in memory of his late wife who had a short stay at the hospice. Three words used to describe this individual were amazing, fantastic and resilient.

Corrine Hinch - has been making poppies for charity during the remembrance time. 5,000 were attached to park and church railings in Marlow and encourages others to join her putting them up and taking them down. Her inspiration to do this came from a visit to Auschwitz concentration camp where the horrors felt real. Monies raised from this ingenious activity was donated to the Royal British Legion but it also brought awareness of animals at war by creating a purple poppy. The joy of seeing the knitted and crocheted creations has delighted the community and provided a focal point for remembrance. Three words used to describe this individual were caring, determined and believes.



Young Community Champion – Winner

Chloe has supported the Marlow Wombles at many events litter picking and so conscientious that she likes to stay until the job is done!

She cares about the local environment and really wants to make the area she lives in better for everyone.

Chloe is an inspiration who is keen to get involved and is joined by her family who also help at local litter picking events.

Despite her challenges, Chloe has shown dedication to the cause of tackling the growing litter issues by setting up a group at her school.

Three words used to describe Chloe are caring, tenacious and enthusiastic.



Young Community Champion – Highly Commended

There are many unsung heroes within our community and many of them are of the younger generation. Out of the nomination received, this individual demonstrated that.....highly commended young community Champion for 2022 Proud of Bucks Awards goes to Ryan Benlembarek

Ryan began volunteering at the Ark Café in Marlow about a year ago and he is always seen to have a smile on his face and goes the extra mile to help serve the community by getting to know lots of local residents.

Although initially shy, Ryans confidence has grown during his time volunteering and he provides much help and support to his other colleagues at The Ark Café

Three words used to describe Ryan....Happy, Hard working and Determined.



Community Group Contribution – Winner

Here have been some challenges since the war broke out in the Ukraine and the UK received many refugees seeking safety, security and sanctuary from the war-torn country they called home.

South West Chilterns hosted more families than any other area of Buckinghamshire which is something to be proud of.

One group became very active, engaging and working alongside Buckinghamshire Council to provide a link between the refugees and society by.....

I am delighted to announce that the winner of Community Group Contribution for 2022 is...The Marlow Ukraine Collective.



Community Group Contribution – Highly Commended

WyeValley Volunteers are based in Bourne End and operate out of a portakabin next to the Community Centre every day from 10am until 12. They deal with requests for Drs appointments, hospital appointments, collecting people to attend coffee mornings and luncheons. They helped during covid collecting prescriptions ensuring help for the elderly and isolated and befriending the lonely.

They have been in existence for over 40 years quietly helping and has a very proven formula. The helped are willingly matched with a willing helper and the volunteers enjoy being able to help the many and varied people, some can be challenging but it is rare that no help is found.

Wye Valley Volunteers have made a huge difference to the community life in Bourne End for those who are unable to attend appointments alone.

Three words used to describe them are
Magnificent, selfless and competent.





Any Other Business?





Dates of Next Meeting

The South West Chiltern Community Board next Meetings will be on:

30 September 2023 – Health and Wellbeing event at Lady Ryder Memorial Garden (further details to follow)

4 October 2023 – Lane End (venue to be confirmed)

14 February 2024 – (location and venue to be confirmed)

