



# Community Board Amersham and Villages



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# Congratulations



**WINNER**  
Local Community Champion

## HELEN TYERS

For her dedication to supporting people with Dementia and their carers through the setup of Cafe22



**WINNER**  
Young Community Champion

## MAYA BROWN

For her determination to share experiences that will help others struggling with mental health



**WINNER**  
Community Group Contribution

## AMERSHAM MENS SHED

For providing a welcoming and supportive space to men who feel lonely, isolated, or have health issues



**HIGHLY COMMENDED**  
Local Community Champion

## JULES HARGREAVES

For her coordination of local support to Ukraine that has been inspirational to others!



**HIGHLY COMMENDED**  
Young Community Champion

## EMMA PANNETT

For showing kindness to others and volunteering to many local charities and groups



**HIGHLY COMMENDED**  
Community Group Contribution

## THE FAMILY FOOD HUB

For providing vital support to families during the financial crisis and making a positive difference



## Congratulations to:

Runner up - Coleshill C of E Infant School - Vegetable garden redevelopment to benefit the community

Runner up - Chestnut Lane Infant School - Wellbeing Space for all

Winner - St George's C of E Infant School - Improvement to the underpass on White Lion Road

Runner up - St Mary's C of E Primary School - Herb Garden for the community to enjoy

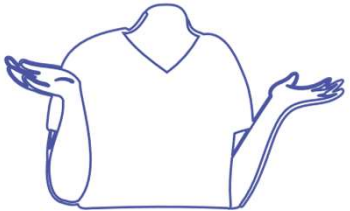
Winner - Chalfont Valley E-Act Primary Academy - Local Tourist Boards celebrating the history of Little Chalfont



# Community Matters...



- Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum:
  - Residents' survey, which is now OPEN at <https://csb-forum.org/july23-survey/>
  - Meeting of residents/Thames Valley Police: 6.30pm Wednesday 26th July via MS Teams
  - Setting of focus areas for our Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Amersham Museum:
  - We have an office printer that we no longer use and it would be great to find a new home for it. It's a Xerox Phaser 6510 and we have spare printer cartridges to go with it.
- St Mary's Church, Old Amersham, HP7 0DB
  - "A Heritage of British Choral Music" - Saturday 29th July (7.30pm) - Tickets from Eventbrite (or available on the door): [A Heritage of British Choral Music Tickets, Sat 29 Jul 2023 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)
  - "For the Beauty of the Earth" - 8th-10th September (times vary) -







- **Play Streets launched** giving children the opportunity to play safely outside on their doorstep through a new scheme where residents can apply for a Play Streets session to temporarily close their road.
- **Ultrafast broadband boost for rural businesses** - working with Openreach and Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, we have now completed Phase 3 of the Bucks Rural Business Broadband project, delivering ultrafast gigabit capable fibre connections to 723 rural business and residential premises in 38 towns and villages
- **The Bucks Rural Business Grant** scheme launched on 21 June to provide financial support and help to create opportunities for rural businesses in Buckinghamshire. Funding in the form of capital grants ranging from £2,500 up to £300,000 is available for small-scale investment in micro and small enterprises employing fewer than 50 people in rural areas.
- **Spreading the word about the Bucks filming locations database** - The Buckinghamshire Film Office promotes locations, minimises impact on residents and business and maximises the economic and social benefits of filming. Did you know that feature films and high-end TV dramas are estimated to spend between £8,000 and £108,000 per day in the local area?



- **Local Plan and Local Transport Plan** - We have just completed consultation on our draft vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire – to shape and manage future development across Buckinghamshire to 2040 and the Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP 5) – to set out the future priorities for all types of transport across Buckinghamshire.
- **Cost of Living funding and focus** - We continue to recognise that times may be hard for some residents. Our Cost of Living and Helping Hand programmes continue to strive to reduce the impact of increased financial hardship that residents may be experiencing.
- **Ward boundaries consultation** – The Local Government Boundary Commission for England’s recommendations for the new Buckinghamshire Council ward boundaries were made public on 30 May and see a reduction in the number of councillors from 147 to 97. Wards will remain at 49, with the new boundaries coming into effect at the local elections in May 2025.
- **Current and upcoming consultations** - [yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/](https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/)

Updates from partners



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# Presentations

- **Stuart Grosse – Bucks Fire & Rescue Service**
- **Mary Mobbs-Beal – The Theatre Shed**
- **Fay Richardson – The Hospice of St Francis / Amersham Owned**
- **Emma Whiting – Adviza / Skill Up Bucks**





Buckinghamshire  
Fire & Rescue Service



Fire & Rescue Service updates

Amersham and Villages Community  
Board

## Agenda

# POINTS OF DISCUSSION

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01 Our organisation

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02 Community safety initiatives

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03 Summer pressures 2022

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04 New challenges



# Our organisation



# Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



## How is the Authority made up

- 5 councillors from Milton Keynes council
- 12 councillors from Buckinghamshire Council
- 10 conservative, 4 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrat



Simon Rouse  
Chair of the Fire  
Authority





# Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service



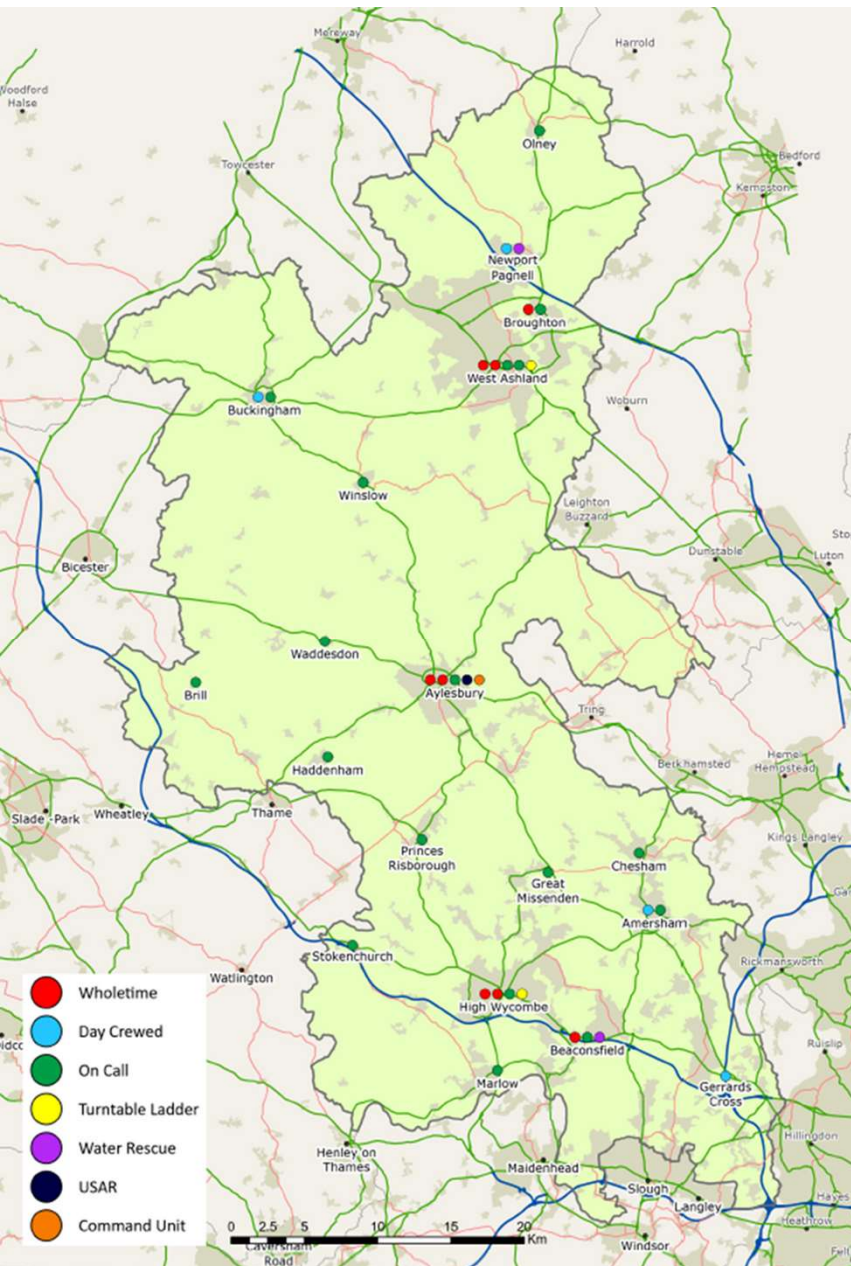
## Our people

- 300 wholetime (full time) Operational staff- firefighter
- 96 On-Call (part time contracted) staff
- 126 support staff



Jason Thelwell  
Chief Fire Officer



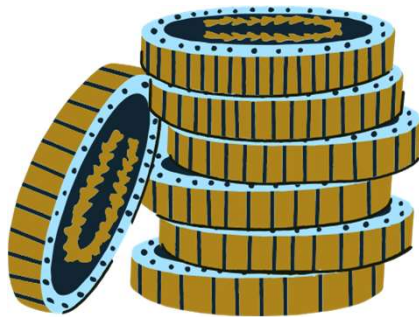


## Our Fire Stations

- 9 Wholetime stations, 7 of which have On-Call units
- 10 stand alone On-Call stations
- 30 Fire Appliances
- 10 specialist appliances
- 5 Urban Search and Rescue Modules



# Our finances



<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>£<sup>M</sup></b>
Business Rates and Revenue support Grant	£9,389
Specific Grants	£1,110
Council Tax	£22,981
<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,480 Million</b>



# Community safety initiatives





## Our vision

To ensure Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes are the safest places in England in which to live, work and travel.



# OUR FOUR CORE COMMUNITY SAFETY THEMES



SAFER HOMES



SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS



SAFER ROADS



SAFER ENVIROMENT

The community safety priorities under pin, what we call internally, our Prevention Strategy which has been rewritten for 2022.





## Amersham Service Delivery Area



### Better Understanding the Local Community, Risk and Incident Trends

This document is designed to assist all staff to understand the local community and environment within Amersham Service Delivery Area. This report includes information about demographics, the built environment and fire service specific risks within Amersham Service Delivery Area.

This document is an introduction into the local demands and challenges which are specific to Amersham Service Delivery Area and should be a building block to inform the development of Amersham station plans and activities.

Dec 2020

## Service delivery areas

Community Prevention is divided into Service Delivery Areas with a wholetime station at its core

Service delivery area Amersham

- Wholetime Station- Amersham Fire Station
- Station Commander Adam Moore



# Amersham service delivery area

## Community safety priorities

### Reduction in accidental dwelling fires

Focusing on less affluent/larger family households of the Chiltern area.



### Reduce Secondary fires

In Amersham Chiltern Area



### Suspected Arson / Deliberate fire setting

Chesham Area



### Community Engagement

Better biker  
Schools- year 5  
Fire Sense





# Summer pressures 2022



## Record temperatures

The months of July (16 - 19) and August (9 - 15) 2022, brought record high temperatures and dry weather that presented many challenges for Fire and Rescue Services (FRSs) and other emergency responders across the country.

The Met office issued its first red warning for heat affecting central and south England, which was in place for 18 & 19 July.

On the 19 July the UK recorded its highest ever temperature of 40.3°C .



# Major Incidents declared

By Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue

On Tuesday 19 July two major incidents were declared, one in the north of the county at 13:05 HE0

- Kiddi Caru Nursey Walnut Tree Milton Keynes
- One in the south of the county at 14:37. Whitehouse Farm, Wooburn Moor, High Wycombe

In the following three hours, BFRS supported by neighbouring FRS's were also mobilised to large scale, protracted incidents at Chearsley, Buckland and Denham resulting in resources being exceptionally stretched.



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## Service Wide Major Incident

Servicing five major fires across our area, two of which were declared major incidents from the scene of operations, triggering the declaration of a Service wide major incident, supported by the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum (TV LRF).

BFRS were ably assisted by many of our neighbouring Services including Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Royal Berkshire, Hertfordshire and a specialist water carrier from Dorset and Wiltshire, despite them all being under operational pressures themselves.



MAJOR  
INCIDENT

# Calls taken by Thames Valley Fire Control Service (only) for incidents in Bucks

Major incidents were declared by fifteen FRSs across the country including neighbouring services in London, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, as a result of the devastating outbreak of fires.

The Service attended an unprecedented number of calls, including many fires in the open / wildfires.

DATE	Prev five-year average	2022	Increase %
16-Jul	48	180	%
17-Jul	48	78	64%
18-Jul	64	85	34%
19-Jul	41	220	439%
09-Aug	45	108	139%
10-Aug	40	75	89%
11-Aug	49	108	121%
12-Aug	44	157	258%
13-Aug	50	106	111%
14-Aug	45	96	115%
15-Aug	41	84	105%





# New Challenges



# Horizon scanning

- HS2 – the second longest tunnel in the UK will be beneath the Chiltern Hills
- Climate change-hotter summers, wetter winters
- Development within Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes
- Fire Reform White Paper





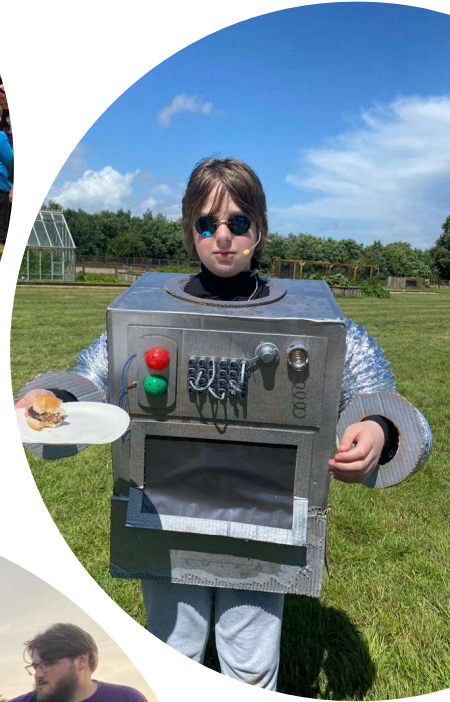
**ANY QUESTIONS**





# Amersham Outreach

Performing Arts,  
Wellbeing and  
Inclusion



# Proposal and outcomes



## **Outreach**

- 60 people (4 x 15) Community group workshops/collaborations/skills exchange (8-70 years)
- 1000 (4 x 250) primary school assemblies (4-11 years)
- 2000 (1000 x 2) secondary (11-16 years)
- 100 (1x100) SEN assembly (11-18 years)

## **For You Festival**

- 400 Wider community (All ages)

## **Wellbeing workshops (expected 10-20% of the below figures Amersham residents)**

- 20 x Childrens Theatre (6-11yrs)
- 40 x Youth Theatre (12-16yrs)
- 20 x Company Theatre (18-60yrs)
- 20 x Volunteer Mentors (13-67yrs)

# Challenges



- Timeline (potentially extending to Feb HT)
- Set backs – office move, fundraising deadlines and festival
- Reduced festival to 1 day due to increased hire costs and expectations on volunteers.



# Progress



- Gateway - Monthly workshops 8 April – December 2023 with 25 adults with disabilities and learning disabilities
- Early years BSL in Chiltern Lifestyle Centre from April-July
- For You Festival: 177 tickets sold online, more on the door and under 5s and carers not included. Event went ahead successfully despite the weather.
- Plans made for Assemblies
- Promotional email sent for workshops
- Plans for next term
- Plans for wellbeing collaborations

# Questions





# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

FAY RICHARDSON, DIRECTOR OF CARE



[STFRANCIS.ORG.UK](http://STFRANCIS.ORG.UK)

[#YourPreciousLife](https://www.instagram.com/yourpreciouslife)

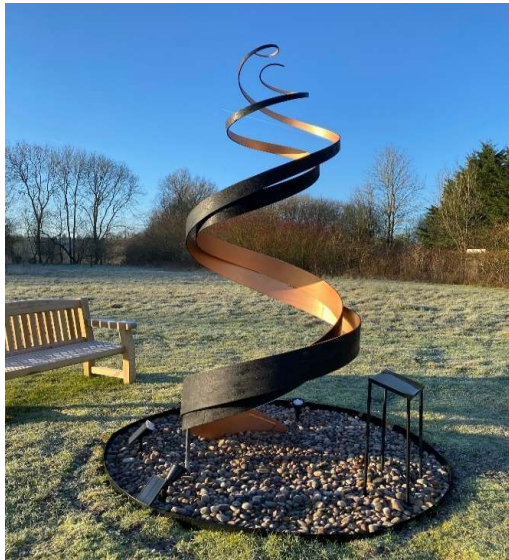




# The Hospice of St Francis



# Our Mission and Values



**Hospice founded in 1979**

**Our founder Pam Macpherson said:**

*“The Hospice of St Francis is for absolutely everyone, terminal illness is no respecter of age, race or sex.” She said, “Everyone has a talent and the Hospice needs all the talents”*

**As part of our celebration of Hospice culture, diversity and our history a gift from a generous donor enabled us to commission a sculpture that represents Pam’s contribution to the Hospice and the influence she continues to have.**

## OUR VISION

A community where people with life-limiting illnesses live well until the end of their lives and their families receive the support they require.

## OUR MISSION

To achieve our vision by providing outstanding care and support to patients and those close to them.  
To share expertise through collaboration, innovation and education. To sufficiently engage the support of our community to enable us to deliver our vision and mission.

## OUR AIMS

To transform the quality of life for people living with life limiting illnesses and provide support for those close to them  
To ensure high quality provision of care through education and research  
To sustain and expand our services through excellent finance

# How we express this commitment now....



**To live  
and die  
well**

**The need for our  
care is changing  
and  
so are we**

**What we do is lead  
by you**

**Always learning**

**Double the reach of  
our care**

**Fund the Hospice  
now & for future  
generations**

Inspected and rated

**Outstanding** ★





# Inpatient Unit



- 10 out of 12 beds currently open, including 2 apartment style rooms
- All rooms access to gardens
- End of life care
- Symptom control
- Palliative rehabilitation encourage independence
- Expedition of hospital discharge
- Prevention of hospital admission
- Offloading fluid in heart failure
- IV antibiotics
- IV iron

# IPU Apartment Rooms



Our 2 rooms support:-

- Rehabilitation, goal setting, independence
- Younger patients
- Larger families
- Complex patients with lots of equipment
- Extra wide cuddle bed
- All supported by a multi-disciplinary team of staff and volunteers

# The Spring Centre Health and Wellbeing



- Outpatient environment
- Appointments with doctors, nurses, AHPs, social workers, gym exercise, complementary therapy, creative therapies- music and dance, psychological support
- Groups e.g.
  - Pulmonary fibrosis
  - Hope workshops
  - Fatigue workshops
  - Creative therapies
  - Dementia care
  - Carer support
  - Childrens' support
  - Bereavement support
  - Day case intravenous service



**Garden Pods**

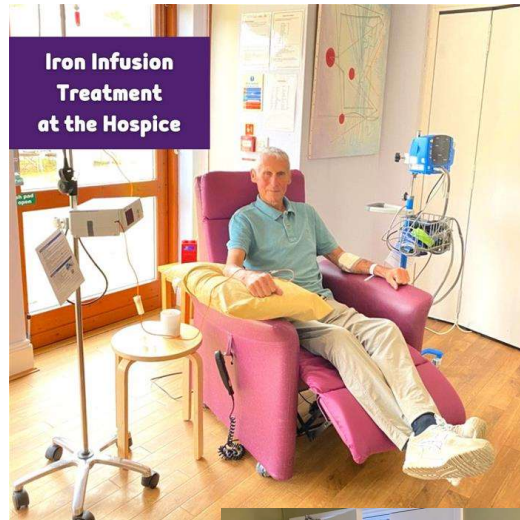




# Children's pre and post Bereavement Services



# What makes us different?



- We offer services that other Hospices do not
- Experts in the care of patients with heart failure, pulmonary fibrosis and COPD
- Offer a service reviewing the frail & elderly with multiple comorbidities. Reviewing medication, preparing for the future, putting them in control and providing support and advice for their carers
- Manage fluid overload in patients with advanced heart failure
- We give intravenous fluids, intravenous antibiotics and blood when appropriate

# Education



- Practice placements for health and social care professionals
- Extensive clinical education programme
- Tailor-made in practice education sessions covering any aspect of palliative and end of life care, including Advance Care Planning
- Communication skills sessions
- Ethics masterclasses

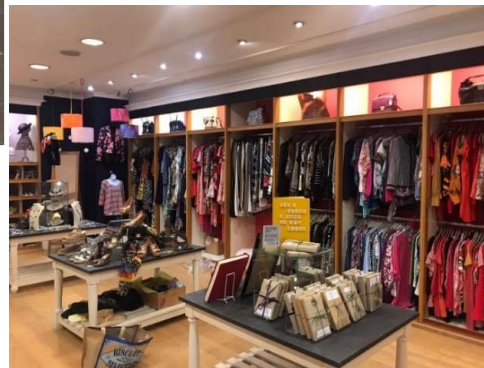




# Wellbeing Therapies



# Amersham Owned



- Fantastic charity shop opened last year
- From Sept 2023 Spring Centre services delivered at this shop
- New complimentary therapy and consulting room
- Community space on shop floor
- Dementia drop in group for patients and carers
- Bereavement group
- Spacious workshop room
- Accessible toilet planned



# Chapter Two Book Shop, Chesham

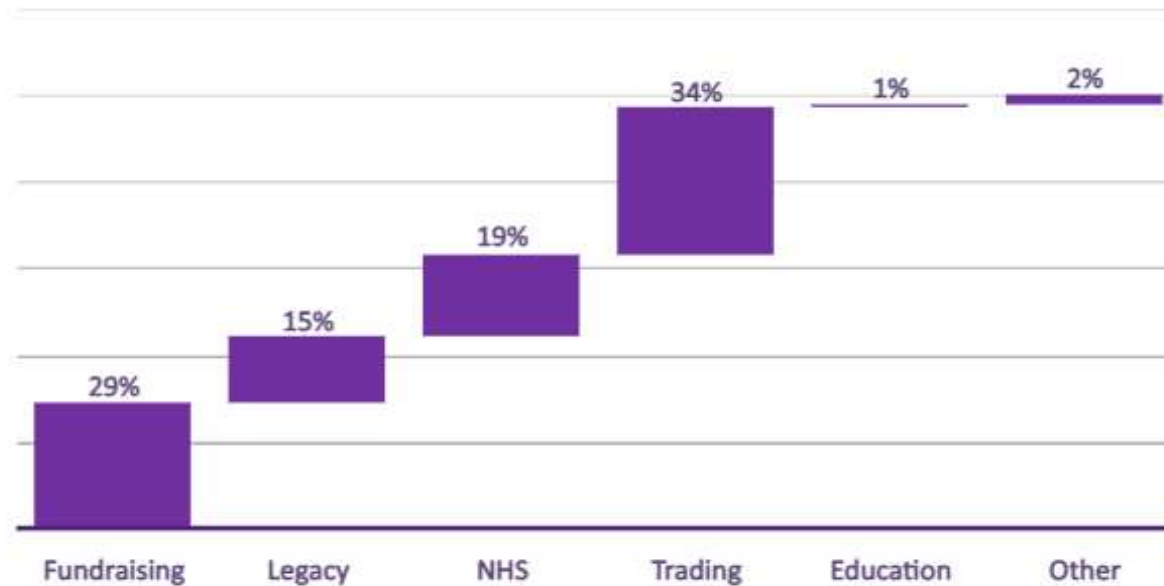


# Funding Hospice of St. Francis Services



**A Hospice is a gift a community gives to itself. We need to raise 5 million per year in addition to the NHS funding**

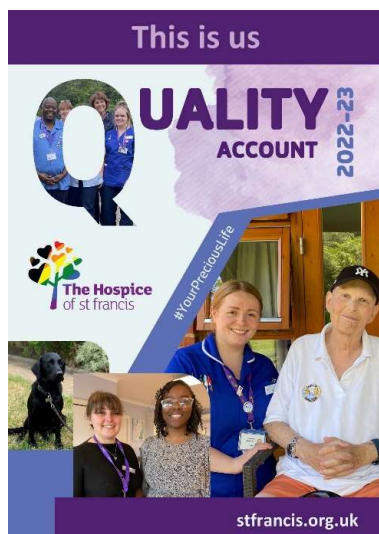
**% income**



# Patients and Carers Referrals



- Referrals by professionals e.g GP, palliative nurse using the palliative care referral form on our website
- Self referral via website or T/C
- Spring centre and IPU services available to Bucks patients and carers



For more information about the Hospice see our website in particular our Quality account 22/23

[www.stfrancis.org.uk](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk)

We look forward to more engagement with  
Bucks



**STFRANCIS.ORG.UK**

**#YourPreciousLife**



The Hospice of St Francis, Spring Garden Lane, Off Shootersway, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 3GW

# Adviza Partnership

 [www.adviza.org.uk](http://www.adviza.org.uk)





# About Us

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Adviza is a registered charity that inspires and supports young people and adults to progress in learning and work. We aim to raise people's aspirations, motivate them to achieve their full potential and support them when they have to make key decisions about their future. The work we do can help transform lives and we never forget it.



# Schools IAG

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Adviza is known for our outstanding Careers Guidance package offered to schools within Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, and Oxfordshire.

We are proud to have a team of professionally qualified and DBS checked Level 6 Careers Advisers.

We offer face-to-face careers guidance, digital resources, and a range of other careers products in line with Ofsted requirements and the Gatsby Benchmarks.

For more information, please visit our website.



# Our projects



Building Futures

- Operates in Buckinghamshire
- 15+ individuals from economically inactive backgrounds
- Intensive and group activity
- Delivered by Adviza and Oasis Partnership



Berkshire  
Education Employer  
Partnership

BEEP

- Connecting young people and employers in Berkshire
- SEND & NEET Young people 16-24
- Delivered by Adviza, Activate Learning, Learning to Work, Newbury College, and West Berkshire EBP



Prince's Trust  
Princes Trust

- NEET young people aged 16-24 in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire
- 12 week programme
- Delivered three times a year



Multiply

- Anyone aged 19+ without a level 2 or above in maths
- Improve numeracy and employability through 1-1, workshops, and longer courses



Skill Up Bucks

- 17+ individuals based in Buckinghamshire
- Connecting individuals and SMEs throughout the county
- Delivered by Adviza, Buckinghamshire Business First, and Buckinghamshire New University



# Skill Up Bucks

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BRIGHTER FUTURES

S Skill Up  
Bucks



- Who we are and what we do
  - Support individuals aged 17+ with employment and skills provision
  - Connecting the community with local SMEs and training/FE providers
  - No eligibility requirements other than age and location
- Events
  - Employability workshop 27th July
  - The Bucks Careers Show - 28th September
- Client offer
- Employer offer
- Our partners
  - Buckinghamshire Business First
  - Buckinghamshire New University
- Multiply



# Further information

For more information about Adviza  
and how we can support you,  
please feel free to email me on  
[emmawhiting@adviza.org.uk](mailto:emmawhiting@adviza.org.uk)



# Community Board updates



- Weekly drop ins between Little Chalfont and Amersham
- 840 Facebook and over 400 Instagram followers
- Over 300 on the newsletter mailing list
- Presence at local community events - most recently the Misbourne District Scout Group AGM, Little Chalfont Village Day, Amersham Band Concerts, Little Chalfont Lunch Club, COAM Social Prescribing Summer Socials.







## Funded projects:

- ✓ Old Amersham Revitalisation - Kings Coronation Activities
- ✓ Theatre Shed - Wellbeing Workshops and Outreach
- ✓ Outdoor Cinema Event



**£7,477.00**

## Supporting non funded projects:

- ✓ Little Chalfont Lunch Club
  - Amersham Dementia Café
  - Little Chalfont Community Café



# Project updates

**We are pleased to be hosting our very first Outdoor Cinema Event - please help us to spread the word!**

We're looking for volunteers to help on the day to help with: Stewarding/ marshalling from 2pm to direct ticketholders arriving by car, scanning tickets at the entrance from 2pm and again at around 5pm for the second film showing, Litter picking during and after the event.

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

2pm Gates open

3pm Encanto

\*food, drink and entertainment between shows\*

6pm The Greatest Showman

9pm Gates close

Individual: Adult £6, Child £4

Double-bill: Adult £10, Child £6

Amersham Cricket Club, Shardeloes. HP7 0RN

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/amersham-community-board](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/amersham-community-board)

Experience the magic of movies and join us for an unforgettable afternoon of entertainment and cinematic delights, right in the heart of our community.



Kindly supported by



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# New project suggestions



## Health and Wellbeing

e.g. working with PCNs and Social Prescribing teams to host themed health talks

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## Improving our Environment

e.g. hosting local walks and talks to provide education about environment and climate issues

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## Strengthening our Community

e.g. volunteers fairs to support local voluntary groups with recruitment

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Get involved...

***Submit a project idea:***

***<https://forms.office.com/r/Nuk90YR599>***

***Join our next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November***

THANK YOU

We look forward to seeing you next time