

**North West Chilterns Community Board**  
**Environmental and Climate Change Action Group**  
**Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.**

**Purpose:** This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**Priority Objectives:** The Action Group continue to focus on the following:

- To prioritise schemes and initiatives that help achieve and inform the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.
- To seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage.
- To consider any application in regards to the environment and climate change.

**Action Group:** The Action Group aim to meet bi-monthly; a meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, the last one was held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and the next is planned for 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Its agendas cover a mix of policy, strategic and fundraising related matters, many of which have been delegated to the group by the Community Board or raised by local councils, the public or by members of the group.

**The group continue to work on:**

- Identifying suitable locations with Town and Parish Council's for tree planting in streets and public spaces.
- Encouraging schemes looking at Wildflower planting.
- Looking at options to install Electric Vehicle charging points in public areas.

**Pre-applications – the following are being discussed with:**

- Stokenchurch Scouts on a proposed pond renovation project.
- The Environment team at Buckinghamshire Council on a Carbon Literacy training proposal for Town and Parish Council's, groups and organisations (this is an action group initiative). This training provides an awareness of the carbon dioxide costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis.
- Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council on a Wildflower project on Chipps Hill.
- Red Kite Housing Association on a Community Nature Reserve on Eastwood Road.
- Chiltern Society on a Cycling Signage proposal.
- Great Kingshill Village Hall on an energy efficiency lighting project.
- St Michael & All Angels on a wildflower scheme on the grounds surrounding the church.

It is hoped that funding applications will be received by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, when the application system closes.

The Action Group continue to pursue their spreadsheet which highlights potential areas and objectives where it is felt the group could encourage further applications.

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