



Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Report

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Introduction

Welcome to our November 2023 Community Board meeting update.

We've been out and about in the community having conversations with partners and meeting residents. Some of the highlights include:

- Promoting the Community Board at the Haddenham Community Fair on 14th September. A well-attended event showcasing a variety of local interest groups which are on offer to residents in Haddenham and the surrounding areas.
- Raising awareness of the Haddenham Youth Club who would love more people to get involved as the numbers of young people grow. These are especially important where young people disseminate out to secondary schools and help to maintain their local links with friends.
- Hearing from our local rural church network: The Parish of Waddesdon which also covers Westcott, Upper Winchendon and Fleet Marston. The Bernwode Benefice, which covers Chilton, Dorton, Ludgershall, Wotton Underwood, Ashendon, Boarstall and Brill. They provide a variety of community events and interest groups to support our rural villages such as toddler groups and the Memory Lane Café. We are exploring the ideas they have for further activities to bring people together.
- Attendance at the successful Bucks Community Energy event at Haddenham to learn more about how to equip residents with the knowledge on how to reduce their environmental impact and reduce costs.

Priorities: Health and Wellbeing, The Environment and Road Safety

Health & Wellbeing – Ashley and Elaine have been exploring more projects in this priority. Games clubs have proven to be successful in bringing families together, encouraging learning whilst play and helping people to reconnect with others since Covid. Please consider whether you could support a club such as this in your area.

At the last meeting, it was suggested the Community Board focus some of its attention on the social isolation needs of its older population. A task and finish group met, and we have a localised pilot project in progress. Elaine is also in the process of visiting older people groups to gather their views on how well they feel embraced by their local community. So far older people groups in Haddenham, Brill, Oakley and Waddesdon have been visited and the views of older people noted. We are working on providing Digital inclusion workshops to enable older residents to be confident to access shopping, GP and other services online.

We have been promoting Street Associations and now have interest from Haddenham, Berryfield and Ickford residents who want to join this scheme which can help residents to stay safe and improve their wellbeing by:

- encouraging communities to be friendlier, stronger and more supportive
- promoting social interactions and friendships

- reducing doorstep crime
- reducing isolation
- identifying vulnerable residents

Road safety: We have a new Mobile Vehicle Activation Sign (MVAS) policy, and these continue to be a popular intervention for Parishes as well as joining [Community Speedwatch](#) (CSW). Currently we have 12 active groups out of potentially 32 communities in the board area. This is a proven deterrent and if communities are serious about inappropriate speeding, then CSW is the starting point. Not only does it capture offenders and sends a warning letter, but it also gathers evidence of speeding and sends out a clear message that residents are doing something about it. Please don't leave it up to the parish council to resource this initiative alone.

Speeding traffic is a major issue for many of our villages. People speed inappropriately for a variety of reasons. Many of our communities lay on arterial routes and are used as rat runs to avoid urban congestion and often these communities lack footpaths. The CB has a speed awareness campaign which we plan to launch soon.

The Environment: Following the successful Bucks Community Energy event at Haddenham in October and an Energy Show taking place in November in Marlow, we would like to test the appetite for a similar information and advice event in our CB area where providers and experts can come together to showcase all the options open to residents from harnessing solar energy to waste reduction and supporting nature. Elaine has attended training and conferences on Carbon Literacy and tackling climate and nature crisis in recent weeks.

Parish Workshops

Parish Workshops – these continue to provide an opportunity for parishes to talk about their challenges and aspirations.

Two sets of meetings have now taken place and provide an opportunity for an honest and open exchange of views. Anything is on the table, not everything is resolved, but responses are provided, and ideas are exchanged. I would encourage any parish who has not engaged with these to come along and add their voice and wisdom to conversations.

Succession planning has been a common theme in how to engage and encourage the next generation of parish councillors. Parishes try to engage with residents on multiple fronts including Whats App, Facebook, newsletters, web sites, meetings and noticeboards.

Project update

Library of things

The Library continues to grow its inventory (1) Facebook and is on the lookout for volunteers to assist with this exciting 1st for Bucks. Any time commitment can be

accommodated – from updating the inventory to receiving customers or helping at the new repair shop at Quainton Railway Centre. As the cost of living continues to bite, this resource means so many day-to-day items can be loaned out cheaply without the need to buy and store.

Haddenham Community Greengrocers

Elaine attended the launch of the Haddenham Community Greengrocers in October. The shop has paid staff and volunteers to run it and has linked in with local suppliers to provide a range of quality local produce. There are plans to extend the range so do pay them a visit.

Schools speed poster campaign

We will shortly be reaching out to our schools with an opportunity to design a speed awareness poster. Schools will be able to enter a competition to design a poster and winning designs will be displayed on lamp posts around our schools. Community Speed Watch data identifies that the school run is often the time of day when there are most offenders.

The following projects have been supported by the Community board so far this year:

Scheme name	Organisation	CB Priority	Corporate priority
Waddesdon and Westcott WIFI	St Michael and all Angels	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Ukrainian workshops	Stephen Spender charity	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Worminghall Village Hall toilet block refurbishment	Worminghall Village Hall	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Waddesdon Greenway Community Orchard	Waddesdon PC	Health & wellbeing	Improving our environment
Brill Training Aids for Defibrillator	Brill PC	Health & wellbeing	Protecting the vulnerable
Quainton Pub	Community Action Group	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities

Aylesbury Youth for Christ - Supergirl's STEM project	Aylesbury Youth for Christ	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Waddesdon Horticultural society outreach tables	Waddesdon Horticultural society	Health & wellbeing	Improving our environment, strengthening our communities
Waddesdon CC intergenerational project	Waddesdon CC	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities

If you have identified a need in your community which relates to one of our priorities, please email us at hadwadcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk in the first instance. Elaine, our Community Board Manager, will arrange a meeting to discuss your proposal and suggest ways in which we may be able to help or link you in with resources and expertise.

Communication

With a CB as large and diverse as ours, communication is always a challenge but as a reminder, we have the following communication points:

- Dedicated webpage [Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board | Buckinghamshire Council](#).
- Our bi-monthly newsletters are on our webpage and the latest newsletter for Sept – Oct is [here](#).
- Our Facebook page has 645 followers and the link is [here](#).
- BC Councillors receive a monthly update on Community Board progress.