

Case Studies

Improving the Environment

Halton Wild Verges

The Wendover and Villages Community Board are always keen to support the local communities with environment projects. The Halton Wild Verges project is a community-driven initiative aimed at preserving and enhancing natural habitats along roadways. By allowing native plants to flourish in these roadside verges, the project not only provides vital habitat for local wildlife but also contributes to the overall health of the environment by promoting biodiversity.

Additionally, the project benefits the local community in several ways. Firstly, it fosters a sense of environmental stewardship and civic pride among residents who participate in planting and maintaining these wild verges. Secondly, the presence of lush, biodiverse roadside landscapes enhances the aesthetic appeal of the area, providing enjoyment for residents and visitors alike. Overall, the Halton Wild Verges project exemplifies the positive impact that grassroots environmental initiatives can have on both ecosystems and communities.



Wendover Wildbelt



The Wendover Wildbelt Community Orchard project embodies a multifaceted approach to environmental conservation, community engagement, and mental health support. This initiative's aim was to create a thriving ecosystem and recreational space by establishing a community orchard within the area. The Wendover and Villages Community Board, was hugely supportive of this initiative.

and care for fruit trees, native plants, and wildflowers, promoting biodiversity and enhancing the natural beauty of the landscape.

To ensure accessibility for all, the project included the installation of gates, allowing people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the benefits of the wildbelt. Moreover, water sheds installed to preserve rainfall water to then be used to water the area. Through collaborative efforts and a shared commitment, the Wendover Wildbelt project not only enhances the local ecosystem but



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also strengthens community bonds and supports the mental health and well-being of residents.

Increasing Prosperity

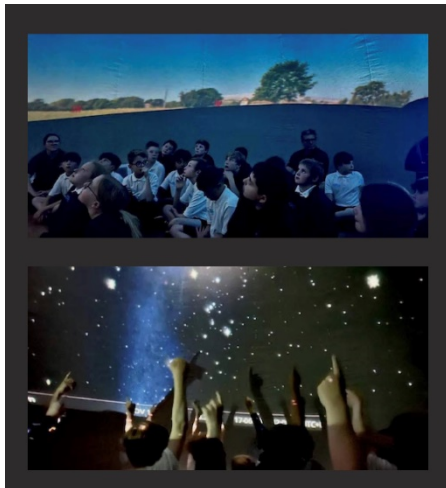
STEM talks for Youth

The STEM project for youth is being delivered at John Colet and Kingsbrook Secondary Schools within the Wendover and Villages Community Board to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields by organizing talks from women who hold positions of influence and expertise in these areas.

Through engaging presentations, panel discussions, and interactive workshops, young participants can learn about diverse career paths and the contributions of women in STEM. These talks not only showcase the exciting possibilities within STEM but also provide valuable insights into overcoming challenges, pursuing passions, and achieving success in traditionally male-dominated industries. By highlighting the experiences and achievements of women role models, the project fosters confidence, resilience, and ambition among youth, encouraging them to pursue their interests and aspirations in STEM with determination and enthusiasm. Ultimately, by promoting diversity and inclusivity in STEM education and careers, the project cultivates a more equitable and innovative future for all.

Bringing the Skies to You

The Wendover and Villages Community Board supported the Mobile Planetarium initiative, from UK Astronomy organisation. This project offers a unique opportunity for young people to engage with astronomy and develop valuable skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).



Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including a portable dome and projection system, the mobile planetarium brings the wonders of the universe directly to schools and communities.

Through immersive experiences such as virtual star gazing, interactive presentations, and hands-on activities, participants explore and learn about the solar system, and deepen their understanding of key scientific concepts. Additionally, the project provides opportunities for young people to develop essential skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork as they collaborate on astronomy-themed projects and experiments. By igniting curiosity and fostering a passion for STEM disciplines, the Mobile Planetarium empowers young learners to reach for future careers in science and technology.

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Strengthening our Communities

King's Coronation Events

In celebration of the King's Coronation, the Wendover and Villages Community Board supported parishes to organise a series of vibrant events to unite residents and commemorate this historic occasion. These community events aim to foster a sense of pride and togetherness among residents while honouring the traditions and heritage of the kingdom.

Wendover Sheds



The Wendover and Villages Community Board were pleased to support, along with The Clare Foundation the project for the Wendover Shed organisation with the introduction of battery-powered solar panels. It allowed the ability for Wendover Shed project to go ahead for the local community as there was no electricity source within the location. It also marks a significant step towards sustainability and self-sufficiency.

By harnessing the power of the sun, these panels provide a renewable energy source that reduces the project's carbon footprint and operating costs. This innovative approach not only demonstrates environmental responsibility but also empowers participants to learn about renewable energy technologies.



Moreover, the integration of solar power enhances the resilience of the project, ensuring continuous access to electricity for workshops, tools, and lighting even in remote or off-grid locations. As the project promotes mental health and well-being through community engagement and skill-building activities. Through this initiative, participants of which they have over 40 members, not only enhance their shed skills but also contribute to a cleaner, greener future.

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Protecting the Vulnerable

Weston Turville Lunch Club



The Wendover and Villages Community Board along with Weston Turville Parish Council and Community Impact Bucks worked together to re-establish the Weston Turville Lunch Club at The Chandos Arms. The aim of this was to address social isolation for the older generation and initiatives like a lunch club provides vital support and companionship.

By offering a regular monthly gathering, it allows residents to enjoy conversation, in a welcoming and inclusive environment and combats loneliness and isolation. Throughout this project the lunch club then morphed into a coffee morning for interested individuals to lessen the burden for volunteers.

Engagement

Tea, Talk and Cake – Mental Health Day Drop-In Session

An important area for the Wendover and Villages Community Board are residents Health and Wellbeing.

The Tea, Chat, Mental Health Day Drop-In Session, held at Wendover Library offered a warm and inviting space for individuals to come together, enjoy a cup of tea, and engage in supportive conversations about mental health. Held on Mental Health Awareness Day, this event aimed to reduce stigma and promote open dialogue surrounding mental well-being. Attendees can participate in informal discussions, share experiences, and receive information about local mental health resources.



Kingsbrook Community Day



The Kingsbrook Community Event was held by Kingsbrook Parish Council in June 2023 for residents providing a platform for them to come together, celebrate their community, and contribute to its vibrancy and well-being.

The Wendover and Villages Community Board attended the event, to engage with the local residents to understand what their priorities were for their local area, what they enjoyed living in the parish, what was missing and whether they had views on projects to be delivered.

Their input was invaluable to help discuss and develop the priorities that the Community Board agreed and adopted at their formal community board meeting in June. By enabling

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residents, the opportunity to have their voices heard it empowers residents to play an active role in shaping the future of their neighbourhood.

Town and Parish Engagement

Informal Wendover and Villages Clerks Forum

The Informal Clerks Forum for Wendover and Villages has been well established since the inception of Community Boards in 2020.

It is a welcoming platform designed to foster engagement, support, and networking among clerks within the Community Board area. Through casual, bi-monthly meetups, clerks can connect with peers, share insights, and exchange best practices in a relaxed and informal setting. Whether it's discussing the latest challenges in administrative work, seeking advice on procedural matters, or simply building professional relationships, the forum provides a valuable space for clerks to support one another.

Working with Internal Services

Wharf Road Campus Initiative

The Wendover and Villages Community Board created a working group consisting of interested parties to tackle a specific issue surrounding the Wharf Road Campus within Wendover. By bringing together the active travel service, the environmental service, local environmental group Climate Action Wendover and a representative from Wendover Parish Council this group has pulled together their aims and objectives to work collaboratively. There is currently an air quality sensor in place to monitor and capture the data, alongside this, the local organisations are working directly with the school to start encouraging them to complete the active travel plans.

This initiative allows us to have momentum, avoids duplication and as it is multifaceted it allows us to work together to find solutions that meet the aims of different services in a more organised and succinct manner.

Electronic Vehicle Charging Trial

The Wendover and Villages Community Board along with the Transport Strategy Team were able to provide and obtain funding for an On-Street EV Charging trial, it is supported by £70k funding from the 2022/3 Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure5 (LEVI) 'pilot' fund, as well as £23k Wendover & Villages Community Board.

A Wendover EV Working Group has been established which meets once per month, and includes local Members, Parish Council representatives and a local interest group 'Climate Action Wendover', who raised the initial request for Community Board funding in 2022. The Community Board championed this request, work has been happening within this working group and the trial went live in January 2024.