

May 2024 Update from BC for Hadd & Wadd CB

HS2 Road Safety Fund: Notice of final tranche of funding

The final tranche of HS2 Road Safety Fund arrangements is now open for applications until Wed 31 July. Applications are invited from, or with the support of, parish councils in areas impacted by the construction of HS2.

Proposed schemes will be required to provide a long-term solution to address road safety concerns which have been created or made worse by the construction of HS2, and which will provide or contribute to a legacy of road safety.

This will be the third and final tranche of the allocated funding. Based on costs of schemes already delivered and projected costs for schemes which are currently being progressed, we anticipate having about £600,000 to allocate and, in order to benefit as many affected communities as possible, and being mindful of rising construction costs, focus will be on delivering more, smaller schemes, for example traffic calming measures involving road markings and signage.

Further information can be [viewed online](#) and any queries emailed to HS2roadsafetyfund@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Volunteering with Youth Justice and Support Team

At Buckinghamshire Youth Justice and Support Service (YJSS) the core aim is to help prevent children and young people aged between 10 and 18 years old entering or re-entering the criminal justice system.

To help them achieve their aims YJSS depends on and values local community volunteering support. Volunteering is a great way to support your local community and support personal development. You will be reimbursed for any travel expenses you accrue during volunteering sessions and will receive regular group supervision and training. There are a range of opportunities available:

- Appropriate Adult Volunteer
- Referral Order Volunteer
- Community Engagement Mentors
- Education volunteers

For more information and to apply, contact Sarah.Legood@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Housing strategy

Buckinghamshire Council has set out its vision, priorities and actions to meet the current and future housing needs and challenges in its first countywide Housing Strategy.

The strategy has been developed with the input and support of a wide range of partners, including housing associations, developers, community groups and other public sector organisations.

The vision is to ensure a strong housing offer for Buckinghamshire: to provide affordable, accessible, sustainable and suitable housing choices for all life stages. It focuses on three key priorities:

1. **Responding to the needs of our diverse population.**
2. **Better homes:** to improve the quality and sustainability of existing homes.
3. **New homes:** emphasising the importance of affordable, accessible, and appropriate new housing.

Each priority includes actions the council is taking now and proposed actions up to 2029. Visit the council's website to view the full [Housing Strategy](#) document.

News in brief

Bucks Online Directory

This is a really useful tool for sharing information locally and to [find activities, groups and services near you | Bucks Online Directory | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Household Support Fund extension

The Household Support Fund, provided by the Department for Work and Pensions and utilised through our Helping Hand service, has been extended until 30 September 2024. Our [Help with the cost of living \(Helping Hand\) | Buckinghamshire Council](#) webpage remains the place to go for further information.

Solar Together is back

Buckinghamshire residents can benefit from joining the second round of Solar Together, a solar panel group-buying scheme backed by the council. The [scheme](#) can offer savings of up to 30% on solar PV system, battery storage and electric vehicle charging infrastructure installations, compared to market prices for individual homeowners. Applications are open until 31 May.

Consultations

Visit [Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#) to view all current consultations.