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Community Board Newsletter June 2026



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Welcome to the June edition of our Community Board Newsletter.

Spring has been a busy period as Community Boards drive priorities forward collaboratively.

This newsletter highlights some great examples of delivery of local priorities, working with our communities to design bespoke initiatives that communities have told us would help improve outcomes across a range of areas including, reducing social isolation, improving health and wellbeing and improving community resilience.

We're pleased to be sharing information about our new Community Connections initiative and tell you about the Proud of Bucks awards which took place on Monday 1st June.

Additionally, Community Boards have been supporting the transition of local service listings for adults from Bucks Online Directory (BOD) to Joy Marketplace to ensure that local services for adults continue to be accessible to our communities.

If your group or organisation is listed on BOD, we ask for your support in creating a new listing on Joy Marketplace by the 1st July, as listings cannot be transferred automatically. Online guides and training webinars are available to help get you started and you can [find out more here](#).

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South East Bucks Community Board

Chalfont St Peter - Deliver targeted youth provision through outreach, mentoring, and safe spaces, meeting young people where they are and offering consistent, trusted support that promotes wellbeing, positive choices, and community connection.

The board are pleased to share that following focus groups and extensive partnership working, the Community Board has been able to utilise budget to support the Youth Hub project at Chalfonts Community College, which is scheduled to begin delivery in September 2026. This new initiative will create a safe and welcoming space within the school, providing targeted one-to-one mentoring alongside informal wellbeing support for students who need it most. Delivered in partnership with Mama Bee and supported by the school's pastoral team, the project will take a holistic approach, combining structured mentoring with early help and engagement to build trust, improve wellbeing and support positive outcomes. The

hub will operate weekly across the academic year, strengthening the school's capacity to support high-priority and seldom-heard young people, and will benefit the wider Community Board area, as many students from across the locality attend Chalfonts Community College for secondary education.

Farnham and Stoke Poges - Promote a cleaner, greener, and more resilient environment through community-led action and partnership working.

The board are working closely with local stakeholders, community groups and partners to develop a new project focused on the Alderbourne, a valued chalk stream, with the aim of supporting a cleaner, greener and more resilient environment. Flowing from the Fulmer area down towards Iver and forming part of the wider Colne Valley network, the Alderbourne connects local communities and green spaces. Taking a holistic and well-rounded approach, this work will combine practical conservation activity with education and community engagement, bringing together local knowledge and expertise to shape meaningful, community-led action. This will include caring for and restoring the stream, planting trees and wildflowers to enhance biodiversity, tackling litter, and raising awareness about the importance of chalk streams such as the Alderbourne. A dedicated working group is currently being established to guide this work, ensuring strong partnership working and creating opportunities for residents across the wider area to get involved and make a tangible difference to their local environment. If you would like to be involved, please email southeastbuckscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.



East Chilterns Community Board

Amersham & Chesham Bois - Strengthening Family Support

Community conversations identified a need for a supportive, family-centred hub within the Amersham and Chesham Bois Ward, to help address gaps in wellbeing and social support for people living with life limiting illness.

To address this, the Community Support Hub project was developed by the Community Board in partnership with Rennie Grove Peace. We were delighted to visit the Hub on 18 May, where we saw the difference it is making and met the patients, families, friends, carers, dedicated volunteers and staff who make the hub so special.

Taking place at the Chilterns Lifestyle Centre in Amersham on the third Monday of each month, the Hub provides a friendly, inclusive environment where those affected

by progressive, life limiting illness can drop in, connect with others, chat over refreshments and take part in gentle wellbeing and creative activities.

Patricia said: *"It feels nice to be out and amongst people who understand. There are people from Rennie Grove Peace at the Support Hub too, so I know I can chat with them and they can put me in touch with other types of local support, if I need it."*

You can find more information on the Hub here [Support Hubs: Chilterns Lifestyle Centre, Amersham - Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care](#), call the Compassionate Communities team on 01923 606030, or get involved by simply turning up on the 3rd Monday of each month 2:30pm-4:30pm.



1 - Attendees at the Support Hub

Chesham North and Chesham South - Championing Youth Voice

We are pleased to share that the Community Board is supporting the Switch Lanes project at Chesham Youth Centre, launched on 2 June.

Delivered in partnership with Switch Lanes and Opportunity Bucks, the project provides a safe and welcoming space for young people. It offers structured mentoring alongside informal wellbeing support for those who need it most, running weekly throughout the academic year and focussing on supporting seldom-heard young people.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page for more information.



2 - Switch Lanes launch



West Chilterns Community Board

West Wycombe and Lane End – Sustainable Social Activity and Community Support

As part of Community Boards priority to reduce social isolation, the board wanted to hear from older residents in the community. The Community Board joined Lane End Youth & Community Centre's regular coffee morning on Thursday 14 May along with 19 local residents. During the session, the Community Board sought feedback on what people valued about the area, identifying gaps in local provision, and explored ideas for future improvements.

Following this insightful drop-in, further discussion took place with a lead representative from the Community Centre to discuss opportunities for future collaboration. As a result, the Community Centre are now exploring the possibility of organising a Family Networking Event at the centre during the upcoming school holidays.

Penn, Tylers Green and Loudwater – Loudwater Residents Association

The Community Board has continued to support the set up of the Loudwater Residents Association to support its priority of improving social community connectedness. The third meeting of the Loudwater Village Residents Association was held on Monday 18 May at St Peter's Church, with around 20 residents in attendance alongside Unitary Ward Members. It was a positive and productive session, with several key decisions agreed, including the allocation of roles and responsibilities such as a note taker, social media lead, and WhatsApp coordinator.

Plans for the upcoming community litter pick on 13 June were also finalised covering posters, team organisation and designated locations.

In addition, six residents expressed interest in setting up a Community Speedwatch scheme and will now explore the next steps with Thames Valley Police, who lead the initiative.





East Bucks Community Board

Wendover, Halton and Stoke Mandeville - Ageing Well 'Brew's Company'

As a result of the summer 2025 Community Conversations initiative, Ageing Well was identified as a shared priority for the Stoke Mandeville ward, shaped directly by the voices and experiences of local residents, partners, and charities. Building on this, a local resident with a strong commitment to supporting older people worked in close partnership with the Community Board Manager to co produce a response to this priority. Rather than designing a project for the community, ideas were developed with the community, through open dialogue, shared decision making and a clear focus on what would work locally.

This collaborative process led to the creation of Brew's Company, a project rooted in local insight, community strengths, and mutual ownership. Co-production ensured that the initiative was accessible, relevant, and welcoming, reflecting what older residents said they

wanted rather than what was assumed they needed. By valuing lived experience alongside professional support, the project has fostered stronger engagement, shared responsibility and a greater sense of pride and belonging among those involved.

This approach demonstrates the benefits of co production at a local level: empowering residents as active partners, building sustainable community connections, and creating solutions that are more trusted, better used and more impactful.

Brew's Company stands as a positive example of how working together, combining local enthusiasm, practical support and community leadership, can deliver lasting social and wellbeing benefits and strengthen community resilience.

Future events will continue to be shaped by attendees, ensuring the group remains responsive to local interests and firmly community-led.

Brew's Company's sessions are held on the last Friday of the month at The Bull Pub, Stoke Mandeville. The upcoming sessions are as follows: 26 June, 31 July, 25 September, 30 October, 27 November and 18 December at 10am.

Everyone is welcome to come along, take part as much or as little as they wish, and enjoy the benefits of connection, wellbeing, and community spirit.

Boardwide – Community Connectiveness

A new summer event, Bierton Fest, is launching to bring residents together and strengthen community spirit.

The festival has been developed by Bierton Parish Council, with support from the East Bucks Community Board, helping to deliver the local priority of Community Connectiveness. It responds to a clear need, as Bierton currently has no dedicated summer event, limiting opportunities for residents to come together and build connections.

Taking place on Saturday 20 June at Bierton Village Hall (3pm–10pm), the event will feature live music, a DJ, children's entertainment and activities for all ages.

Bierton Fest will create a welcoming, inclusive space for everyone, helping to build relationships, encourage community involvement and foster a stronger sense of local pride — with ambitions to become a much-loved annual tradition.

To see all the details about the event, please take a look here: [BiertonFest - Our Village Festival](#) . You can book tickets [here](#).



3 - Brew's Company Session



West Bucks Community Board

Boardwide- Rural Economy Priority Research and Engagement

The West Bucks Community Board is sparking a fresh, exciting drive to champion and grow our rural economy, and we want partners in West Bucks to be part of it!

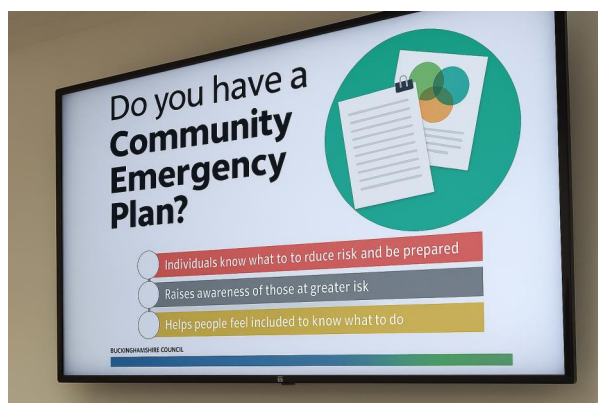
The board are launching a dynamic programme of research and engagement to understand the businesses that power our area. By mapping out who's here and what's happening, we'll uncover our key strengths, spotlight opportunities, and tackle any challenges. But this isn't just about data, it's about people. We'll be connecting with businesses, residents, and partners to hear real experiences and ideas around infrastructure, skills, services, and how our rural economy supports thriving communities.

If you're part of the rural economy and operate within the West Bucks Board area, [please get in touch](#).

Boardwide- Community Resilience Workshop

On 28 April 2026, the West Bucks Community Board, in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council's Resilience Team, brought Parish Councils together for an engaging and practical workshop on community emergency planning and resilience. The session provided hands-on guidance on preparing for real-world challenges, from national power outages to severe weather events, sparking valuable discussion, shared learning, and fresh ideas across the room. Attendees left with a clearer understanding of how to strengthen their local response and safeguard their communities. One Parish Council described the workshop as insightful and highly valuable, and is already planning to bring them back to their parish and begin developing a community emergency plan.

If you would like further information or support for your parish or community group, [please do get in touch and start building resilience in your area](#).





North Bucks Community Board

Boardwide - Community Transport

Our collaborative work on Community Transport has been progressing well. Working with our partners on the Integrated Neighbourhood Team, including health services, patient representatives and Buckingham Town Council, we have been reviewing how residents are accessing medical appointments and how we can help with ensuring that local support services are meeting residents' needs. In partnership with the Community Impact Bucks Transport Hub and Volunteer Driver Service, a new guide to the transport options available for GP and hospital appointments has been developed for inclusion in the next edition of the 3W Health newsletter for patients of Winslow surgery, with other North Bucks areas to follow.

Winslow- Ageing Well, Community Transport and Cycling

The board were delighted to be invited to be part of Winslow Town Council's Annual Meeting recently. Hosting a stall gave us the chance to speak with residents and to hear their views about work on our current local priorities. We also engaged with local partners including Greener Winslow, the Winslow Wombles, 3W Patient Support Group, Winslow Big Society and the local neighbourhood police officers. The board appreciated the chance to hear about the Town Council's achievements of the past year and its plans for the year ahead and talking about how the Community Board might best provide support to local initiatives.



4 - Standing room only at Winslow Town Council's Annual Meeting

Boardwide- Ageing Well

The Community Board are working with Active in the Community and Winslow Town Council to deliver a Health & Wellbeing Fair in Winslow in September. The Fair will showcase support available locally to help residents stay, or become more, physically active. Age UK Buckinghamshire will also be on hand with information on the new [Age Better Bucks](#) service - an updated and expanded version of its predecessor Prevention Matters. The scheme offers early intervention and prevention opportunities in the form of a free, short-term, support service for older adults (65+) who want help to maintain their independence and wellbeing. If you run a local group or service that supports exercise and wellbeing and would like a stall at the event, please contact northbucks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. The event will be promoted across the local area, including on our [Facebook page](#).



High Wycombe Community Board

Boardwide - Great British Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean (13–29 March) saw widespread participation across High Wycombe, with residents, community groups, schools and partner organisations taking part in activities to improve the local environment.

This year's campaign included a range of events, such as early litter picks at The Vibe Church involving the local Member, Red Kite Community Housing and Disraeli School, as well as the "Make Bowerdean Beautiful" day led by local Members, during which volunteers collected 40 bags of litter.

Regular sessions by a host of organisations including the [Step In Wombats](#), [High Wycombe Clean Up](#), [Wycombe Marsh Community Environment Group](#) and [Women's Cultural Arena](#).

River clean activities led by [Chiltern Rangers](#) at Kingsmead also contributed throughout the campaign in collaboration with local schools, Veolia, Red Kite and the Council's Waste Team.

The Sands Litter Wombles continued their local engagement work following a January litter pick supported by Wycombe Wanderers. In partnership with Millbrook School, they involved younger residents in activities aimed at building community pride and hosted a Great British Spring Clean event in March. Their next planned litter picks will take place on 18 July and 22 August, meeting outside the school at 10am. Further details are available via their [Facebook page](#).



The High Wycombe Litter Picking Network has grown from the Pride of Place programme, bringing together residents and groups who want to live sustainably, improve their neighbourhoods and take pride in where they live. By connecting local groups, the network helps share ideas, promote events and encourage more people to get involved.

The High Wycombe Community Board is aware that many residents and groups are already organising litter picks in their local areas, and we would like to extend our thanks for your efforts in helping to keep our communities clean and tidy.

We would love to hear from you and add your group to our litter picking network, so we can stay connected and support your valuable work.

To join the network and find out how you can take part year round, contact Fay at the High Wycombe Community Board: hwcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.



Aylesbury Community Board

Aylesbury North - Understand the current provisions (focused on physical and mental health and wellbeing) available for adults, and identify potential gaps and opportunities to enhance these, including improving how local environments support wellbeing.

Plans are progressing for a proposed community art initiative to enhance Bourg Walk bridge. The project aims to create a more welcoming and engaging space, discourage graffiti while strengthening local pride and connection. It also recognises the importance of creating public spaces that feel safe and supportive.

We are pleased to confirm that £5,500 in additional funding has been secured for the project. This has been awarded by Chiltern Railways to the Samaritans, with support from the Community Board.

The involvement of the Samaritans has a focus on emotional wellbeing, and the role that public spaces can play in helping people feel more connected and supported.

Initial concepts are being developed to introduce bold artwork onto the existing bridge panels, bringing colour, pattern and identity to this well-used route near the town centre and railway station. The designs will be carefully considered to create a more uplifting and reassuring environment for users.

Work is ongoing to finalise the approach, with further updates to follow as the project moves towards delivery later this year.

Berryfields, Buckingham Park and Watermead - Explore the potential to increase footfall and usage of Watermead Lake.

The Community Board has supported improvements at Watermead Lake which includes new signage, updated information boards and QR codes linking directly to an interactive website. This will help visitors easily access information while they are onsite.

This work forms part of a wider project being led by Watermead Parish Council to encourage more people to explore and enjoy the lake as a key local environmental resource.

Phase one of the proposal focuses on the development of an interactive website. This will provide engaging educational content and resources designed especially for young children and families, helping people learn more about the natural environment around the lake.

The project is continuing to move forward, with final design drawings for the signage currently being confirmed. Once these are approved, the boards will be ordered and installation can progress.

Further updates will be shared as the project continues to develop.



Community Connections

We were pleased to have launched Community Connections in April 2026.

Community Connections is a new countywide approach designed to support Council services to engage directly with local communities. Using an online format and existing Community Board networks, Community Connections webinars provide a more targeted, consistent and efficient way for Council services to share information, gather feedback and build stronger local partnerships.

Our first session was held on 23rd April 2026. Community Board partners were invited to attend 'Shaping the future of bus services in Buckinghamshire' hosted by colleagues from Public Transport service.

The session offered a clear and informative overview of the future of bus travel in Buckinghamshire as detailed in the council's strategic Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), and the opportunity to shape the future of bus services in Buckinghamshire.

This session shone a light on Passenger Transport's plan to establish buses as a key travel mode in Buckinghamshire and showcase the current delivery programme - work that is helping to create more reliable, regular, accessible, and sustainable bus services for everyone. Attendees learnt about collaboration between Passenger Transport and commercial operators, funding opportunities, and how through the BSIP delivery plan,

Passenger Transport have introduced more bus services, increased frequency, improved reliability, protected local routes, and kept fares down.

Passenger Transport explained how we they were investing in new infrastructure such as next generation real time information displays, new shelters at key points, solar powered lighting for rural areas and improvement to access and standard at bus stops across the county. Community Board partners can view the webinar [here](#). Keep an eye out for future sessions from your Community Board.



Proud of Bucks 2026 celebrates Buckinghamshire's community heroes

Volunteers' Week (1 to 7 June) was the perfect time to celebrate the people who quietly make a huge difference in our communities, and this year's Proud of Bucks awards did exactly that.

Our first combined awards ceremony was held on Monday 1 June, kindly sponsored by The Clare Foundation. From 250 nominations from across Buckinghamshire, the final 30 shortlisted groups/individuals were invited to this year's Proud of Bucks ceremony, where we recognised the incredible individuals, groups, schools, organisations, and parish councils helping to make their local communities a better place. .

From tackling loneliness and improving wellbeing, to supporting young people, protecting the environment, and creating welcoming community spaces, this year's nominations highlighted the extraordinary kindness, commitment and community spirit that exists right across the county.

The winners were:

- Switch Lanes CIC - Newcomer Award
- Oscar Boyson - Young Volunteer of the Year Award
- Marieke Bosman - Environmental Impact Award
- Amy Scullard - Improving Health and Wellbeing Award
- Slapton Lunch Club (Margaret Newton) - Reducing Social Isolation Award
- Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council - Town and Parish Community Award
- Chalfont St Peter Community Library - Community Connectedness Award
- St Mary's C.E School (Zoe Culliton) - School or College Community Award
- Michelle Robinson-Boyce - Volunteer of the Year Award
- Clare Clarke - Lifetime Achievement Award

A huge congratulations to all our winners, shortlisted nominees and everyone who was nominated.

The evening was a fantastic reminder of the vital role volunteers and community organisations play every day across Buckinghamshire. Whether through small acts of kindness or long-standing community leadership, the people recognised through Proud of Bucks continue to inspire others and strengthen local communities across the county.



5 - Newcomers Award – Switch Lanes CIC



6 - Improving Health and Wellbeing Award – Amy Scullard



7 - Young Volunteer of the Year - Oscar Boyson

Thank you for reading this newsletter. We will continue to share updates via this newsletter, our social media channels, and directly with those who are signed up to receive updates by email from their community board. If you'd like to learn more about what you've read today or sign up to your local board network, please visit our [webpages](#) for more information.