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Welcome from the Chair

St Mary's the Virgin Church, Ivinghoe

Happy Birthday to St Mary the Virgin Church, Ivinghoe. It was wonderful to see all the local artwork on display at the Church recently and to attend the service to celebrate 800 years since St Mary's Church was established in the community, which was led by Bishop Steven Croft, The Bishop of Oxford.

Ivinghoe Parish Council has been awarded a grant from the Woodland Trust for 120 tree saplings. The saplings will be planted behind the Scout Hut in Ivinghoe and in Ivinghoe Aston recreation ground. The saplings will be a mixture of Rowan, Wild Cherry, Hazel, Dogwood and Silver Birch, this will create all year colour and a good habitat for the wildlife and for the community to enjoy, the area behind the Scout Hut will also be levelled and grassed.

Ivinghoe Planters

Thank you to Stephen Lott and Christine Linley who have planted the Ivinghoe planters ready for autumn.



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council

Bridleway

Ivinghoe Parish Council is aware of the condition of the bridleway and continues to pressure Buckinghamshire Council to clear this.

Ivinghoe Aston Freedom Festival

The residents of Ivinghoe Aston enjoyed the 'Freedom Festival' in October which was well attended and a great success. Thank you to the organisers.

Ivinghoe Town Hall

The Town Hall has a new heating system which is working very well. The Library is busier than ever and the Town Hall continues to be busy offering lots of ►



classes. Please visit the new Ivinghoe Town Hall website for further information www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk

Christmas Market – Old School Village Hub

The Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub Christmas Market will be held on 26th November, please enjoy the festivities, and support this local event.



As always please check the Ivinghoe Parish Council website for new and updates www.ivinghoepc.org.uk.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone an early Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Thank you to Ivinghoe based photographer James Finnigan for the photograph of St Mary's Church, Ivinghoe

ARE YOU FED-UP WITH DOING THE SAME OLD WALKS?

Walking in Buckinghamshire <http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/bucks> is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Buckinghamshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris www.walkinginengland.co.uk
Email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk



The vllAge Hack

The less said about my last attempt to post an article the better!
So here's a bit of what you should have read...

The Path of Safety

Anyone walking down the hill into Ivinghoe Aston, or up towards the Beacon, may well have felt a bit uneasy having to share the road with traffic. From time to time there the need for a path along one side of the road has been mooted but for various reasons its not a simple task to create one, no matter how sensible the idea. That is until the efforts of Neil Ashby of Ivinghoe Aston Farm with the help and support of the wider village.

Neil took it upon himself to create just such a footpath within the boundaries of his land. As a result, there is now a permissive path running alongside the road just behind the hedges heading down the hill. The path, completed in April 2021 runs from the rear of the bus stop at the top of the beacon road down towards the village as far as the bridleway to Ivinghoe.

Neil and the assisting residents wanted to provide a safe alternative to walking on



the road and funded and built the footpath himself in an act of kindness to one and all. Please feel free to use it for the purpose it was built but respect the fact that it sits within farming fields and within private land.

Having walked it myself a few times its certainly safer than the road though you do need appropriate footwear and keep to the right to avoid trampling on crops. NOTE: it is a private footpath (i.e. non-council) and it is used at your own risk and the owner accepts no responsibility in its use.



What's in a Name

If you rely upon the likes of well known mapping systems to let you know where you live think again. Take the same road as above which can be known as High Street, High Road, Main Road, according to Google Maps, Chapel Lane, to Microsoft Bing maps its Ashbys Villas and via the post office address file something else again. So, what is it really called?

For this I am indebted to Stephen Lott and for forwarding details to me, Ketts. The naming authority for our road was AVDC (now Buckinghamshire Council) with the naming of roads in the form of 'road name, parish name' to distinguish the road name from a similar name within another parish. According to their records the main road into and through the village is split into three as far as names are concerned:

- From B489 (at the Beacon) as far as the entrance to Grove Farm, the road name is: Ivinghoe Aston, Ivinghoe
- From Grove Farm entrance to Cow Pat Corner, the road name is: Slapton Road, Ivinghoe
- Beyond Cow Pat Corner to the end of the road in Slapton, the road name is: Ivinghoe Aston Road, Slapton

So there you have it, at least you know which bit of the road you live on. Having said all this it makes no difference to what it displayed on mapping systems – you'll still have delivery drivers asking where High Street is in Ivinghoe Aston!!!

Corona

I would like to thank Clare Pasquale for sending me a short poem entitled Corona

that she penned and which, now we're nearer to the end of the saga (hopefully), seems an appropriate piece of prose:

- Our lives were ticking along. Then came Corona virus. **Boom**, our freedom was gone
- You couldn't see your family. Couldn't go out with mates. Conversations were held standing at garden gates
- I couldn't let you into my garden, I could talk to you at my door. You couldn't hand me a parcel, it had to be left on the floor
- The shops ran out of ingredients, as we all began to bake. Some people produced their first attempt at a cake
- There were limits on groceries, Pasta, eggs and rice. The supermarkets ran out, not once, not twice but thrice
- Stocks were low on loo roll. People were caught short. Some people used leaves, they are a wipe of sorts
- Here we are one year on, we can meet family and friends, we want an end to restrictions, on this our happiness depends

Your Pub

The famed monthly pub quiz at The Village Swan has been resurrected but has switched day. You can now join in on the second Tuesday of the month and at the same time grab yourself one of Sean and Seb's delicious pizzas!! **Come down and support YOUR pub!!**

Keep your eyes peeled for news of the Christmas period too!!

Phil Jones (2 Ashby Villas)
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Ivinghoe Town Hall & Beacon Villages Community Library

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Greetings from your Town Hall Management Committee!

Well where did that summer go? We hope that you all had a good one.

Things are slowly getting back to 'normal' at the Town Hall, although the kitchen remains closed for the time being for regular users. Most of our groups have returned albeit in smaller numbers, but it's a start.

The WI had their first indoor meeting in September and you can see from this photograph how great the Hall is looking after redecoration and a refurbished floor. They put their own mark on their meeting of course, with bunting hanging from the rafters!



We've tested out the new heaters, the air conditioning and the much improved WiFi and they all work brilliantly well, so we're all set to go with your bookings which you can do online or by contacting Stephen Swinbank (details below) You may already be thinking about organising a little yuletide gathering?

We look forward to hearing from you.

It's all happening at Ivinghoe Town Hall!

To Hire Ivinghoe Town Hall:

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FORD END WATERMILL

Ford End Watermill, for those not familiar with it, is a small farm mill, which has produced flour and animal feed for centuries. On Station Road, just a short distance from the centre of Ivinghoe, it is run today entirely by volunteers. The mill is fully operational and we mill at each opening to the public. Our wholemeal flour is much sought after.



Would you like to join our team of volunteers?

We would welcome volunteers who can:

- help maintain the mill through this Autumn, Winter and Spring in readiness for next year's openings.
- help us welcome our visitors as they arrive for one of our openings each Summer - on Sundays and Bank Holidays; and/or
- guide visitors around the mill describing how we use the power of water from our millpond to drive our waterwheel, our gears and our millstones to produce our sought-after wholemeal flour.

There are opportunities for individuals with a variety of skills. So whether your preference is to meet our visitors, to explain all about the mill to visitors or to get to grips with the mill building and its machinery – the choice is yours. We can provide you with the necessary training and we have all the relevant information about the mill – how it works, its history and how it has been restored.

We are a friendly group. All of us are committed to conserving this priceless resource for future generations. We can provide new volunteers with the satisfaction that comes from showing how the sustainable power of water can be used to produce flour for the baking of bread.

So, if you are interested, please telephone:
John Wallis on **01296 661997**;
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Half space £9/£7 per hour or whole hall £12/£10 per hour. (or an element of the IT Room after negotiation)
2. The process is explained by obtaining from either source a **vital Booking Form** which includes the extra special options bookable, the insurance cover and awareness of the hirers cleaning up obligations – to be filled in and returned within 7 days and the fee paid – if not then – no later than 3 days before the date booked.
3. By this returned form and fee, the booking is made **formal and then penned into diary** which means it cannot be over-ridden or double booked – This booking then translates to our 'digital diary' graphically – charted monthly by Bob to ensure visual awareness of all bookings- posted on Facebook Page, web-site and email data-base, hard copy on Notice Board for Public viewing.

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2021 Christmas Post Update

1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scouts are sad to announce that there will be no Christmas Post this year.

We would like to thank all of you who have used our Christmas post service in the past and all the local retailers who have supported us.

Hopefully we will be back up and delivering for Christmas 2022.

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WI News...

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



Busy, busy times for the WI once more! Well that summer flew by but the ladies of the WI have been getting back into gear!

Early July saw a group of us attending the 100 (+!) birthday party for Buckinghamshire Federation of WI's at Waddesdon – what a wonderful day it was! The sun shone and our advisors had done an amazing job of organising a most interesting event which was well attended by WI's from all over the County.

This was swiftly followed by our own first 'gathering of more than 6', for our Lunch on the Lawn. Everyone brought their own lunch and chair and we sat in a big circle and simply enjoyed each other's company for the first time in 16 months. 28 ladies attended. Brilliant!

We were delighted to be invited to join in with the Hub Open Day, as our craft group meets there each month. It was great to be able to talk to people and to address some misconceptions about what the WI is all about! We have been very pleased to welcome 8 new members to our group this year – not bad given the circumstances!

Our first indoor meeting in September was great fun! Literally! We played games, reminding ourselves of how much fun WI is! And we celebrated with cake and bubbles!

And those that aren't yet ready to join indoor meetings, joined us by zoom!

Julie and Sue, our Vice President and President were proud to carry the banner for Ivinghoe and Pitstone WI, at the Bucks Federation Parade of Banners in Aylesbury, to celebrate our centenary.

(I&P are actually 104 years old but don't tell anyone!)



One of our new committee members has started a new group – board games, every other Thursday afternoon at the Hub. Perfect for a winter's afternoon.

If you'd like any more information about our WI, please contact me, Sue Eyre on **07742138955**.

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BeaconLit Book Festival: Book Love Returns to Ivinghoe



A less than perfect day over Ivinghoe Lawn. Book lovers gathered for half a day. Authors talking about and signing their books. After a two-year absence, BeaconLit returned to Buckinghamshire with an echoes of the very first festival back in 2013 – two panels in a marquee on that very lawn.

From those small beginnings, BeaconLit grew into a well-respected, enthusiastically supported festival, with a reputation for combining friendly village event charm with organisational excellence, and attracting an eclectic range of great literary names.

Then Festival 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic and, for a while, it had seemed 2021 was destined to go the same way. The organisers had even gone so far as to cancel it. But then, with a slight upturn in the outlook, and a relaxing of restrictions, with more on the way, we decided it was time for a return, albeit on a modest scale. So, on 10 July 2021 – keeping to the original date – a mini-festival went ahead with just two authors: bestselling

crime novelist Cara Hunter, and writer and actor Sophie Ward, whose debut novel was longlisted for the 2020 Booker Prize.

The scale of the festival wasn't the only change: masks and social distancing; Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub hosted, after six years at Brookmead School; a new book seller in My Book Shop, Tring; and simultaneous live streaming of the event, making a small, but perfectly formed festival more widely accessible.

BeaconLit favourites, BBC correspondent Adina Campbell, and crime author and Festival co-founder Dave Sivers, did the interviewing honours and the audience enjoyed the events and enthusiastically bought books and got them signed. Feedback has been good, and the festival committee is already looking at how best to use necessity's 2021 ire-invention as a springboard for Festival 2022, which they hope will take place in more normal times.

You can keep up with all the festival news via the website at beaconlit.co.uk.



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Have you ever thought about 'growing your own'? Growing your own fruit and vegetables can be a very satisfying experience and in Ivinghoe we are very lucky to have some beautiful allotments just off Church Road, overlooking St Mary's Church. If you are an Ivinghoe resident and would like some more information about availability of plots - we have them in a range of sizes - please contact the Parish Clerk at ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com



NB: there may not always be an available plot but we do keep a waiting list!

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, IVINGHOE 800+ CELEBRATIONS



Whatever your faith, background or experience, please join us to celebrate St Mary's 800+ anniversary. There are plenty of events throughout the year for people of all ages to enjoy. Please put the following dates into your diaries and watch out for further information.

Sunday 30th May 2021 @ 3.00 - Songs of Praise in the Church Gardens

Join with members of the church for a joyful selection of well loved hymns to launch the 800+ Celebrations. Followed by tea and cakes.

Sunday 11th July 2021 @ 1.00 - Music on the Lawn

The Beacon Community Choir host a festival of music by local musicians and choirs. Teas & Scones, Prosecco and strawberries and a bar will be available.

8th-10th October 2021 - Art Exhibition

Local artists will mount an exhibition of their works.

Sunday 10th October 2021 @ 6.00 - Service of Celebration

Bishop Stephen, the Bishop of Oxford will lead a Service of Celebration to mark the 800+ anniversary.

Saturday 27th + Sunday 28th November 2021 - Yvingho Tales

The Beacon Community Choir perform a work specially written for the occasion which re-imagines the building of the church, the effect it had on the community and the devastating events which led to its initial destruction.

Saturday 20th November 2021 - Christmas Market

The church and Town Hall will host a large selection of stalls with handicrafts, homemade goods, cakes, tombolas, raffles and games.

Saturday 22nd January - 2022 Burns Supper

The ever popular celebration of Robert Burns will take place with home cooked haggis, live music and dancing.

Timeline

Come and see the Timeline of the history of the church designed and created by members of Ivinghoe and Pitstone villages

The Ivinghoe Tapestry

The image of St Mary's famous carved angels in tapestry form is ready to be embroidered by members of the public. Anyone,



Tots Praise Autumn 2021

Stories, songs, crafts and refreshments. For babies and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers

*We meet at St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe
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*Friday mornings 5th and 19th November
& Friday 10th December*

Come and join us!



*For further details phone Sandra Green
(01296 668648)*

EMERGENCY PANDEMIC FOODBANK

As many of you know, this was set up in March 2020 to help families who had lost jobs overnight when lockdown was imposed. This service has operated out of St Mary's Church in Ivinghoe.

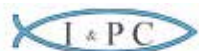
We have helped many families and individuals over the past 16 months with weekly deliveries of fresh food and non-perishable food items and this has been achieved by regular donations from the local community and businesses of both food items and cash.

We now feel that it is time to end this weekly service and this will cease on Thursday, 24th June 2021.

An emergency food bank service operating out of St Mary's will continue which can be accessed via myself.

On behalf of all the helpers who have been involved I would like to take this opportunity once again of thanking you for your kind generosity.

Babs Byrom (07860 780127)



Ivinghoe & Pitstone Chapel Fellowship

Sunday Services are held on the **third Sunday** of each month, at 12 Church Rd unless otherwise specified, and start at 10.30am followed by refreshments.

Interested? Need more information?

01296 668005

Beacon Community Choir Yvingho Tales

The building of St Mary the Virgin in 1220 and the events leading to the dramatic fire of 1234 are reimagined by local author Dave Sivers and set to music by Judith Sheridan. Written specially to commemorate St Mary's 800th anniversary, and incorporating folk tunes collected from the area, Yvingho Tales reflects on the lives, hopes and fears of the villagers as their world is changed forever.

Beacon Chamber Ensemble The Slapton Players
conductor **Judith Sheridan**

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For further information and tickets
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IVINGHOE HANDBELL RINGERS

There is a set of hand bells belonging to St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe and there has been an evolving group of hand bell ringers in the village since the 1950s. At present we cannot meet but are hoping to restart in 2021. Until March 2020 we had two groups who met on either Monday afternoon 2-4pm or evening 7.30-9.30pm. We play for various events and organisations in the villages or in local care homes.

However we have to wait until 6 people can meet together indoors to start practising. If you would like to join the group when it restarts, you need a good sense of rhythm but do not need to be able to read music. We are a friendly group and it is a lot of fun.

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Girl Guides: Tuesday 7.00 – 8.30pm Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub,
High Street, Ivinghoe Hall. Guider: Rebecca Capron **07545 347787**
Email: beckylonghurst@hotmail.co.uk

To join us, please visit our website at **Girlguiding.org.uk**



1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Beavers (5 3/4 -8 year olds)

Monday 6-7pm with Tom as Watermill Coloney leader
Tuesday 6-7pm with Jakki as Windmill Coloney leader

1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Cubs (8-10 year olds)

Wednesday 6:30-8pm (Dan) Akela as Windmill Pack leader
Thursday 6:30-8pm (Rob) Shere Khan as Watermill Pack leader

1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scouts (10 1/2 -14 1/2 year olds)

Friday 7-8:30pm Andrew as Troop Leader

For any enquiries or to join the waiting list please contact us
on ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Or our Group Scout Leader, Andrew Woods on ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com
or 07768 980311

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Ivinghoe Allotments

News from the Allotment

As I sit and write this article I'm wearing a jumper, it's raining outside and unusually, I am quite pleased to be inside. Our little bit of the world has definitely transitioned into Autumn. The sweet peas have all gone, the potatoes are dug, peas and beans have been picked and endless courgettes of all varieties transformed into soups, chutneys, pickles and delicious curries. Fortunately, there are still the delightful dahlias. After a slow start due to wet weather and slugs (entirely my fault, as I didn't clear the protective straw and packing wool away early enough and so provided perfect hotels for the little blighters to have fun and multiply!) they did pick up and I have collected vase after vase of these incredible blooms. They have also been a source of perfect gifts. I was fortunate enough to go to Chelsea Flower Show this year and as expected, along with echinacea and grasses, dahlias of all hues and shapes were in attendance. This allotment stalwart for many, many years is so 'on trend' at the moment.

At the end of the season, usually after the first frosts have attacked, I don't dig up the dahlia tubers but just cover them with a good amount of mulch. That consists of well-rotted manure, straw, or wool packing material (I also do this for my pot-based dahlias, as I lack



sufficient space to keep all the tubers dry and clean in boxes). As I don't want an empty bed for most of the year I have planted daffodils, tulips and alliums between and under the tubers. As one plant fades another grows, providing a continual supply of flowers for vases, or to lift the spirits up at the allotment.



In my last article I mentioned that I was experimenting with a variety of heritage potatoes. I took three different approaches in that I grew them in a box with compost, under straw and finally, under plastic, which I'd slit with a knife to allow the potato foliage to grow through. The box was the least successful although Sam, in the next allotment to mine, had much more success. I plan to try again next year, but use a lot more compost. Both the plastic and straw were a great success. With

my environmental hat on I would lean towards the straw, but will continue to use the plastic until it is totally degraded. The variety which yielded most potatoes was Kestrel. It is resistant to slugs and consistent in size and yield. The most zany result was making mash and potato salad from the purple varieties such as purple rain and blue congo



I have always had good cucumber yields, both in and outside the greenhouse. This year was no exception and for the first time I have grown crystal lemon cucumbers. As with normal cucumbers they need supporting, but those outside the greenhouse have grown like triffids, meandered along the wire work and producing a plethora of yellow apple-like crunchy, juicy cucumbers. There have been so many that we could not eat them all so I have pickled and frozen them (yes you can freeze cucumbers to later make a tzatziki dip, cold soups and smoothies). Another freezing tip is to freeze your chillis whole for use in recipes

straight from the freezer.



Before this was my column, I probably read this edition in front of the fire in November, accompanied by the seed catalogues. It's certainly a quieter time at my allotment, but I usually refresh all the beds with plenty of well-rotted manure provided by a friend's horses. As far as planting is concerned, I don't grow winter crops such as cabbages or Brussel sprouts, but have for the first time planted potatoes, which should be ready in time for Christmas. I also plant various winter salads including Rocket, Mizuna and Mustard Red Lace. My plans for November include putting in giant white onions and elephant garlic.

Before I sign off, I thought I'd leave you with a season-appropriate recipe for cabbage growers and lovers. It's Stuffed Cabbage Leaves (which I've adapted from Olio Hercules' 'Mamushka' cookbook). ▶

The ingredients are: 500g minced pork belly, two large onions chopped, one celery stick finely chopped, 160g freekeh cooked (or long grain rice), 12 large cabbage leaves blanched or Polish sour cabbage leaves drained and halved, 500ml crème fraîche, ½ small bunch fresh dill finely chopped to serve.

The method: Heat a frying pan over low-medium heat. When hot, drop in the pork belly. Cook until it releases its fat. Add onions, carrot and celery and cook until soft and translucent. Add the cooked freekeh and season well with the salt and pepper.

Place 50g of filling into each cabbage leaf and fold the edges under to form parcels. Pack the parcels into a small-lidded pan. Season the crème fraîche with salt and pepper, then pour over the cabbage parcels. Cook on the hob over a low heat for 40 minutes until the meat is cooked. Serve with a garnish of dill. I have also substituted minced beef or mushrooms for the pork, and I generally add in 1tsp smoked paprika.

Delicious and a simple supper served with a glass or two of Rioja. Perfect for a cold winter's evening.

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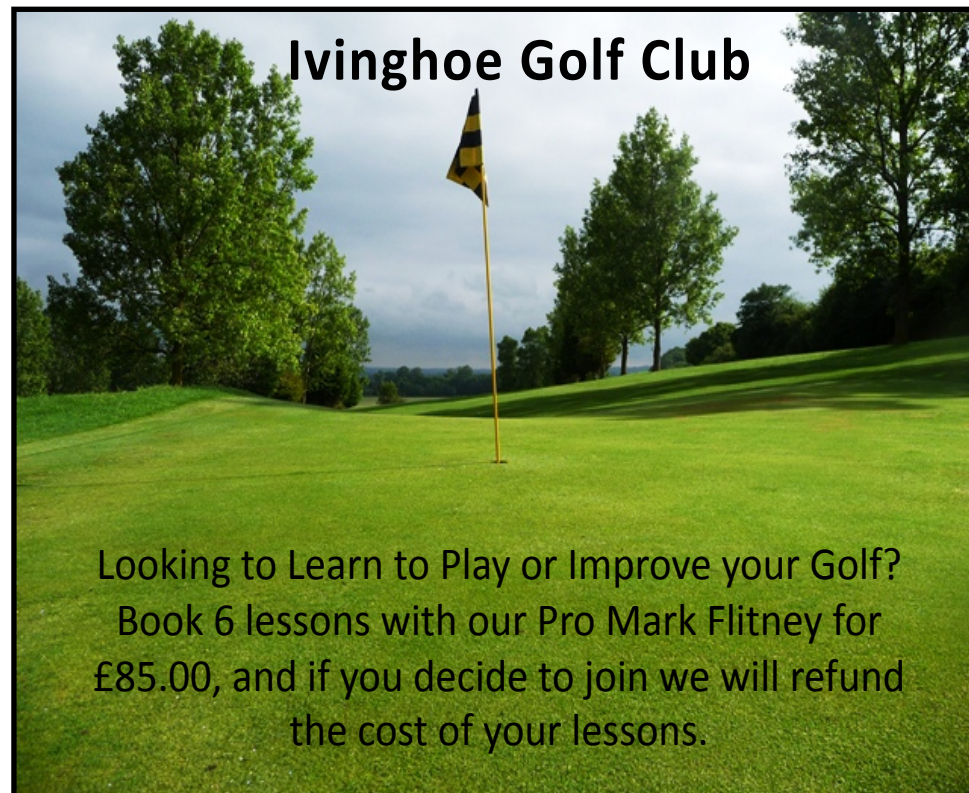
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Pitstone Allotment Association win the Henry Ecklethwaite Trophy!

An inter-village competition, organised by the Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston and Pitstone Horticultural Society, has been won by the Pitstone Allotment Association! Judging took place at the Pitstone Allotments on Tuesday evening 5th October, on the theme of 'Anything Goes' – a sizeable table was provided for each of the Ivinghoe and Pitstone Allotment Associations to produce a display to show off Vegetable and Fruit produce, crafts, jams, honey – literally, 'Anything Goes'. A finely balanced competition, with both groups entering fine displays – Pitstone just 'edging it' to win the prized 'Henry Ecklethwaite

Trophy'. The competition was arranged instead of the more normal annual, more bounteous Fruit, Vegetable and Craft Show, which it is planned to return to next year – this was intended to keep nurtured our interest in growing and creating things!

Additionally, the Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal was awarded to Representatives of the PACE Centre in Aylesbury, who welcomed the Centre to Pitstone Allotments on several occasions – the PACE Centre works specifically to help children and young people with motor disorders such as cerebral palsy – congratulations to them!



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A Note from the Editor...

I very much hope that you are still enjoying reading the Ivinghoe Beacon magazine, it has changed a little since the Parish Council took over the production of the magazine.

We really want the magazine to be something you get pleasure from reading as well as a useful reference tool for local events and advertising.

We are always looking for new ideas to keep the magazine an interesting read, so if you have something that you would like to be considered for inclusion, please do get in touch!

Many thanks and happy reading.

Bridget Knight The Editor – ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com

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Ashridge Ramblings – Care for the Elderly



Around Ashridge, centenarians are whippersnappers. Some of our oldest residents have been there five times that long. Five hundred years ago, James 1st was king of England. Thomas Egerton, chancellor to his predecessor as monarch, Elizabeth 1st, had bought the Ashridge Estate seventeen years earlier. Perhaps he planted some of our now-ancient oaks. Different tree species have different life expectancies. Oaks may live for a thousand years and are classed as 'ancient' at 400 years. Beeches may live for 300 years and are classed as 'ancient' at 225 years. A 'veteran' tree is defined as a tree that is of interest biologically, culturally or aesthetically because of its age, size or condition. Ashridge has over a thousand ancient or veteran trees. They are incredibly important, as their nooks and crannies form homes that younger trees can't provide for rare insects. Ashridge is recognised as an internationally significant site in this regard.

Managing this resource to ensure a continuous supply of decaying wood for such insects is complex. The Ashridge

team commissioned an Ancient and Veteran Tree Management Plan, and a grant has recently been secured to carry out the first tranche of works that have been prescribed on 150 of the most critically important trees. This will involve specialist tree surgeons removing the tops of some of the branches to reduce their weight. Even just a small reduction at the top of the tree can have a large effect on the 'lever action' of the branches and reduce the likelihood of catastrophic collapse. Beeches and oaks decay differently, and it is the beech trees that are most at risk of collapse, so these are amongst the highest priority trees. Ancient oaks tend to suffer more from being heavily shaded. Some of the work this year will take place at Frithsden Beeches as well as other priority locations across the estate, and the biological diversity of our much-loved and precious woodland will be the richer for it.

Rikki Harrington

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Honey Bee Swarms are Important!!

Honey Bee Swarms: Swarms such as the ones pictured are merely Colonies that are in transition. Normally these Swarms are found hanging from tree branch, fence post or any place where the swarm can gather close to the Queen while scouts are sent out to look for a more permanent home. A swarm left alone will only be in place from just a few minutes to a few hours and occasionally a few days. Generally these swarms are very docile and the swarming Bees usually will not sting. When Honey Bees swarm they gorge themselves with honey before leaving the hive which makes it very hard for them to double over and sting.



What Causes Honey Bees to Swarm?: Honey Bees have a natural instinct to survive by sending out new colonies. They may also swarm through overcrowding or because an old queen is thought to be failing and they wish to raise a new one. Honey Bees usually swarm in early spring just as the colony is building up numbers in anticipation of the upcoming honey flow but swarming can happen through to late summer. It is difficult to predict if weather conditions will lead to a large number of swarms in a particular year.

If You See a Swarm: Declining Honey Bee numbers make the collection of swarms an important part of the work of bee keepers. You should never interfere with a swarm and pest control companies will not kill a swarm unless absolutely necessary.

Please contact:

MBBKA Swarm Hotline 07770370132 or
Brian Bush – Mid Bucks Beekeepers and BBKA Swarm Officer

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Have you seen this insect?

ASIAN HORNET

Vespa velutina

What is it?

An invasive non-native hornet originally from Asia. Asian hornet is a highly aggressive predator of native insects and poses a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators. In 2004 it was accidentally introduced to France where it has spread rapidly and into neighbouring countries. Since 2016 a number of sightings have been recorded in the UK.

Suspected sightings should be reported immediately using the details provided at the bottom of this poster.



Where might I see it?

May be seen on flowering plants, around beehives, around rotting / fermenting fruit and protein, and at street markets attracted by sweet fruit and fish stalls.

Active from February to November across England and Wales.

What does it look like?

- ☐ Slightly smaller than native hornet
- ☐ Dark abdomen, 4th segment yellow / orange
- ☐ Bright yellow tips to legs (native hornet dark)
- ☐ Entirely brown or black thorax (native hornet more orange)

Asian hornet nest

'Hawks' outside honey bee colonies



Asian hornet abdomen Native hornet abdomen



DANGER!

This hornet stings.
Do not disturb an active nest.
Seek advice using the details below.

Report any sightings of this species:

with the free iPhone and Android recording app: **Asian Hornet Watch**

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Bucks Councillors Report

Support for Afghan families – ‘Helping Hand for Afghanistan’ refugee initiative

Having launched this only two weeks ago, Bucks Council (BC) have now received pledges of over £22,000, including off-line donations. These have come from residents and businesses wanting to support refugees from Afghanistan as they start to arrive in Buckinghamshire. This money will go via the community charity, Heart of Bucks, to help provide new appropriate clothing, domestic equipment and other essentials as we welcome new arrivals into our community. If you would like to donate please do so at: **www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/helping-hand**.

In addition, BC are still asking for offers of other support such as accommodation, translation skills, community support etc. At present we do not need offers of second-hand clothing. You can offer your help or support via the dedicated pages on our website.

BC are still in discussion with the Government to finalise the exact number of families we could welcome. We understand family sizes are large and accommodation is needed where schooling, community support, health services and potentially employment can be best provided. If you know of suitable accommodation that will be available for approximately a year, please contact us using the above link.

We anticipate our first Afghan family arriving shortly. This may or may not receive publicity as we will respect the wishes of the family concerned, particularly

if they have relatives still in Afghanistan who may be vulnerable.

Statement on The Fremantle Trust’s residential care home Carey Lodge in Wing

Buckinghamshire Council has initiated a safeguarding enquiry following ongoing concerns around the quality of care and support provided at the residential care home Carey Lodge in Wing by The Fremantle Trust.

A dedicated team of Buckinghamshire Council social care staff is now based in Carey Lodge. This team will speak to all Buckinghamshire residents and their family members to ensure they are fully involved in any decisions that are made with regards to reviewing their support needs and identifying somewhere else to live and receive care.

The Council continues to work with Carey Lodge and The Fremantle Trust to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents is given the highest priority.

The Council acknowledges this situation is a distressing time for people who live at Carey Lodge and their family. If you or your family member have any concerns that you would like to discuss, please speak to the Council’s Adult Social Care staff based at Carey Lodge.

Funding for local community projects up for grabs

Do you have a great idea for a community initiative that will benefit local people but just needs the funds to get it off the ground?

Have you already got a successful community project that you’d like to expand or develop?

If the answer is yes, then Buckinghamshire’s 16 Community Boards want to hear from you.

Community boards are the local arm of the council. Working at a grassroots level with local people, groups and organisations, their aim is to drive forward the council’s priorities at a local level, tailored to the needs of each individual area.

Since they were set up last July, the boards have made great strides in forging strong relationships with local communities, listening to and engaging with local people to understand what matters most to them and working together with them to deliver projects to benefit their local communities.

Each community board has funds available to support projects that meet the agreed priorities for their area. Community boards set their local priorities and an action plan for how they want to address these with local people, groups and businesses in their area. Everything from support for older people, health and wellbeing, transport and youth initiatives feature as part of their plans to make a difference. The boards are keen to hear from local people about projects and ideas they may have. Of particular focus this year will be initiatives to improve the environment and supporting economic recovery. Community boards are keen to hear from community groups and partners, to work with them on their ideas and projects in these areas. If you have an idea for funding or are just keen to get

involved in an action group looking at how to tackle local issues, get in touch with your community board directly – **www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-boards**.

Community board projects range from BMX parks for young people to skills to get back out to work, right through to improving roads and community spaces. In their first year Buckinghamshire’s 16 community boards supported a whole range of projects including:

- Support to a range of groups providing support to local communities during the pandemic
- Environmental projects including wildlife competitions, community clear-ups and planting schemes
- Working with students and young people to develop an app to drive up engagement with the younger community
- Funding a range of charity projects focused on mental health and wellbeing

Steve Bowles, Buckinghamshire Council’s Cabinet Member for Communities said: “Community boards are here to make a real difference to the people of Buckinghamshire at a truly local level. We are delighted at how well the community boards have established themselves in their local communities over the past year but there is still work to be done. We want to make sure everyone knows about their local community board and how they can get involved. share ideas and work with us to improve where they live.

“Community boards are two-way ►

partnerships between the council and local communities. The essence of our vision is summed up in our simple strapline – Local voices, local choices, local action. By working together with our local communities, we can truly bring change and improvement to your area, directly addressing your concerns and priorities at a local level.”

He continued: “Every community board has a range of ways of keeping in touch with their community including newsletters and social media. You can keep up to date with what’s going on and get involved in matters that you are interested in. We are especially keen to hear from local people on ideas they may have for ways to improve the area where they live. Not every idea will be doable but local residents and groups are the ones who can really tell us what issues need to be addressed and we want to work with them to make changes for the better.”

To find out more about Buckinghamshire’s Community Boards visit our website: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-boards.

Innovative wireless electric vehicle charging comes to Bucks

Buckinghamshire Council has become one of the first local authorities in the country to trial a pioneering electric car club with an innovative induction charger, as part of the Council’s commitment to tackling climate change and to adopting modern transport solutions.

The On-Street Residential Induction Charger demonstrator (OSRIC) will make a hire car available to local residents in Marlow so they can test the latest wireless charging

technology for electric vehicles (EV) and also gain experience of driving an EV.

Instead of plugging an electric car into a standard charging pillar, the Council is trialling an innovative induction wireless charging pad set into the ground. The trial will help assess solutions to EV charging that avoids potential trip hazards and a clutter of wires. The pad will only be activated when an electric car (installed with the specialised induction pad) parks over it.

Because existing electric cars don’t have wireless charging, an adapted Renault Zoe electric vehicle will be made available for hire using the hire car company HiyaCar, so that residents can try it out and become familiar with how to charge it using the wireless pad. It can also be charged using a standard cable connection if driven away from the wireless pad.

Councillor Steven Broadbent, Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet Member for Transport, said:

“This is a really exciting project and it’s been brilliant to see it in action. Buckinghamshire Council is forward thinking and willing to trial transport innovations such as this.

“The trial will explore the feasibility of wireless charging and will also allow residents who may be hesitant to change to an EV the chance to try one. The car offers hourly or daily rental options so for some people it could be an alternative to owning a car. This technology is still in the early stages but it should all make running an electric vehicle simpler and easier – to ultimately encourage more take up.”

The Marlow demonstrator is funded by the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles and is part of the government’s commitment to invest £1.3 billion on charging

infrastructure for EVs across the country. Buckinghamshire Council is working with Char.gy, the charging point company, and with a team of local authorities, suppliers and researchers to run a set of trials in contrasting locations across Britain.

Richard Stobart, CEO and founder of Char.gy said:

“As the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) increases, the ability to recharge EVs for drivers without off-street parking poses a challenge without increasing the amount of EV charge points potentially hindering pedestrian freedom of movement.

EV wireless charging is a promising way of meeting this demand, and trials such as this for the public to use and provide feedback is invaluable to developing this technology. Char.gy appreciates Buckinghamshire Council’s partnership with this project, helping to ensure that the technology will be easily adopted in the future.’

In Marlow, this initiative is supported locally by the South West Chilterns Community Board. The trial will soon be expanded, taking place at two other sites within Buckinghamshire, along with sites in London Borough of Redbridge and Milton Keynes, which will provide contrasting urban and demographic situations.

For more information about OSRIC, including information about joining the car club, please visit the demonstrator’s website: www.osric.co.uk.

Household recycling centres switch to winter hours

Buckinghamshire Council’s nine household recycling centres switch to winter opening hours on Friday 1 October. The new opening hours will be 9am to 4pm. The household recycling centres will open the

same days as normal, it’s only the opening hours that are changing due to the number of visits to the centres tailing off after 4pm as the evenings get darker.

Peter Strachan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate Change, said:

“The switch to winter hours, 9am to 4pm, happens every year on 1 October as the sites get quieter and the evenings get darker. However, our household recycling centres will continue to offer a comprehensive service for residents within the revised opening hours.

You don’t need to book a slot to visit the centres, but I recommend that you check our live webcams before setting off:

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bin-collection-recycling-and-waste/recycle-household-waste

The household recycling centre are open on the following days:

- Amersham, Aston Clinton, Beaconsfield, Buckingham, High Wycombe and Langley – open every day.
- Aylesbury (Rabans Lane), Burnham and Chesham – open five days a week, closing on Wednesdays and Thursdays. When visiting a site, please:
- Check the webcams online to see how busy the site is and for the quieter times to visit.
- Bring proof of address. Only residents who pay council tax to Buckinghamshire Council can use the sites. (Slough Borough Council residents are able to use Langley and Burnham sites only.)
- Come back another time if the site is busy. Long queues can cause traffic and block access to homes and businesses.
- If possible, wear a mask or face covering when outside your vehicle. ►

Further information, including what waste the centres do and don't accept, can be found on Buckinghamshire Council's **Household recycling centres webpage**.

Buckinghamshire Council adopts Vale of Aylesbury local plan

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) completed the last part of the process tonight (15 September) when Buckinghamshire Council voted to adopt the plan which covers the northern part of the new unitary council's area.

The VALP sets out a long term planning blueprint and vision for the area of the Vale of Aylesbury up to 2033. The local plan sets out how and where land can be used to

- meet housing need
- provide key infrastructure elements
- protect and enhance the area's key natural features
- incorporate climate control policies
- provide employment land

Housing

The VALP allocates land for 30,134 new homes. These are mostly concentrated around Aylesbury with other sites at Buckingham, Winslow, Haddenham and adjacent to Milton Keynes. It embeds policies to ensure that 25% of new homes that are built within the area will be affordable homes and that 10-15% will have disabled access.

The plan has gone through rigorous public consultation over a number of years including public hearings held before the independent planning Inspector. The independent Inspector cannot approve a local plan unless it meets current and projected local housing needs and falls within current government guidelines for determining what that local need is.

Infrastructure

The plan also sets out where essential infrastructure such as roads, schools and facilities which will support the new homes will be needed, as well as employment sites.

Nature and heritage

The VALP sets out policies to protect and enhance the natural environment and countryside for the future. It includes a net increase to the Green Belt by 98 hectares. It also embeds policies to protect our built heritage.

Climate change

There are many specific policies relating to climate change – including making sure there is provision for EV charging in every new home.

Work on the VALP started in 2014 and went through three stages of public consultation before it went to a nationally appointed independent Inspector in 2018. There were then two hearing sessions where people who objected to the plan could make their case for changes to the plan directly to the independent Inspector. The Inspector also looked closely at all the evidence sent to him by objectors and the Council before writing his full report. His report is final and cannot be amended.

Councillor Gareth Williams Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration commented: "Now we have completed the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan process we can use the policies to give us more control and more local say about what gets built where. It gives us power to shape future development in the way we want and where we want it to be."

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan will remain in force until it is superseded by the new Buckinghamshire Local

Plan in 2025.

For more information click here

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) 2013-2033 | Buckinghamshire Council | Aylesbury Vale Area (aylesburyvale.dcc.gov.uk)

Having rubbish removed? Don't pay cash!

Many of us are quite accustomed to paying cash in hand to have odd jobs done to the house or in the garden – but if you ever need to have rubbish removed, this is the one time you should never pay cash.

Did you know that your rubbish is far more likely to end up fly-tipped if you pay someone cash to remove it? A bona fide waste carrier must pay a commercial tip when they want to dispose of rubbish – an anonymous 'man with a van' has a strong financial incentive to avoid the disposal charge – by dumping your rubbish in the countryside.

And there's a sting in the tail. If we investigate a fly-tipping incident and find evidence that leads us to a householder, we'll pay them a visit and ask them to provide evidence that they've taken reasonable steps to identify the person they hired to remove their rubbish and to ensure that it would be disposed of properly.

If the householder can provide evidence of the identity of the person who took their rubbish away such as details of a bank card payment, the investigation can focus on the fly-tipper. However, if the householder has paid an unidentified individual cash in hand to remove rubbish, we'll issue them with a £400 fixed penalty notice for failing in their 'duty of care'. If the incident is serious, this might be escalated to a court summons that could result in a criminal conviction and a hefty fine.

Jilly Jordan, Deputy Cabinet Member for

Climate Change and Environment, said:

"Fly-tipping is a blight on the Buckinghamshire countryside, and the Council spends over £600,000 a year to clear it from public land – money that could be spent on providing other services to the county's residents.

"So, if you pay cash in hand to have rubbish removed, you're making yourself part of the problem."

If you're unsure of how to make sure you're doing the right thing when someone is taking away your rubbish, our **S.C.R.A.P.** fly-tipping campaign code is a useful tool:

- **S** – Suspect all waste carriers; do not let them take your waste until you're confident they're legitimate. A professional waste carrier should happily answer reasonable questions.
- **C** – Check that a waste carrier is registered on the Environment Agency's website.
- **R** – Refuse any unexpected offers to have your rubbish taken away. If you suspect that someone who approaches you will be disposing of waste illegally, report them to the Environment Agency.
- **A** – Ask what will happen to your rubbish and assure yourself that it is going to be disposed of appropriately.
- **P** – Paperwork must be obtained: a proper invoice, waste transfer note or receipt, including a description of the waste being removed and the waste carriers contact details.

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Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

Stand Together, Move Together



One of the effects of the pandemic has been the way that families, friends and communities have come together to offer support to one another. And now, as children go back to school or nursery, it is perhaps the first real indication that life is returning to some kind of normality.

Yet this feeling of community and the willingness to help each other through challenging times need not stop. Buckinghamshire Council's Active Communities programme was designed to embrace this feeling of togetherness as we all look to recover our health and wellbeing post-Covid.

The latest campaign in the Active Communities programme is designed to encourage friends, families and work colleagues to become a little more active together as part of their daily routine. Shared moments of activity could include having family members talk to each other whilst walking. This could extend to older people who would benefit from the company and activity. If you want to go for a walk, don't do it alone. Always look for a friend, family member, neighbour or work colleague to join you. Make the family home active with everyone getting involved. From sharing house chores to just all standing

up together when the TV ads come on, all this can help to reduce inactivity for all.

It is often hard to think about our physical wellbeing with so many demands on our time, but sitting less and moving more can add a huge amount of activity to our lives if it becomes part of our daily routine. What better way to do this than with the enjoyable company of our friends, family and colleagues at the same time.

Carl Jackson, Buckinghamshire Council's Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (Public Health) said: "The Stand Together, Move Together campaign is another example in our exciting Active Communities pilot to encourage people to look at their daily routines and see how they can stand and move a little more every day. By encouraging communities to support each other, we are not only benefiting our general physical and mental health and wellbeing but we can maintain the connections that have been so important during the pandemic."

To find out more about the Active Communities initiative and how to participate visit:

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/activecommunities.

Contact us at: **communications@buckinghamshire.gov.uk** (monitored during office hours). **For urgent Out Of Hours enquiries call 07825 430 978.**

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Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

Your chance to be part of Santa's Sunday Spectacular



Buckinghamshire is set to host several fantastic festive events this year, including Aylesbury town centre's hugely popular Santa's Sunday Spectacular, which will return to the town on Sunday 21 November to herald the start of Christmas.

The festive parade is made up of local dance groups, professional entertainers, bands and community groups all to give Santa a warm welcome to the town. Previous years have seen over 400 people taking part in the parade, and this time around the invitation has been extended to any local business or organisation that would like to get involved.

The parade will leave late morning and after its finale, the fun will continue with activities and street food throughout the town until 4:30pm, concluding with the Christmas Tree light up.

There will also be a mouth-watering range of street food, and the organising team would love to hear from you if you're a vendor of hot chestnuts and mulled wine or any other Christmas delights!

Steve Bowles, Cabinet Member for Communities, said:

"Our Aylesbury town centre team would love to hear from local businesses, non-profit groups, community groups, dance or theatrical

groups or musicians to join the parade with free entry and/or have stall space in the town centre during the day. This is a fantastic opportunity for people and groups to promote themselves and join in the festivities.

"We are also using the government's 'Welcome Back Fund' to provide extra services to some of the high street festivities and events across the county this year – making them better for our residents to enjoy and generating footfall to help support the local economy.

"For residents and visitors, if you haven't previously been along to one of the many Christmas events in the county, be sure to do so, as they are fun for all the family!"

Diana Fawcett, Aylesbury Town Centre and Regeneration Manager, commented:

"The Christmas parade is one of the most popular Aylesbury events, and we're so pleased we're able to host it this year after sadly having to cancel the event in 2020. We've lots of exciting professional acts lined up and we urge the local community to get dressed up and have some fun!"

Local organisations or businesses wishing to get involved and promote themselves in the parade or in the fun day afterwards, should email:

Diana Fawcett: diana.fawcett@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

To stay up to date with Christmas events across the rest of Buckinghamshire this year, make sure you follow Buckinghamshire Council's social media pages for

all the latest news and information. And if you're local to High Wycombe, visit: **mywycombe.com** for more information on the exciting activities happening there.



Photo of a previous Santa's parade in Aylesbury Market Square



Photo of a previous Santa's parade in Aylesbury High Street

Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board

Funding for local community projects up for grabs



Do you have a great idea for a community initiative that will benefit local people but just needs the funds to get it off the ground?

Have you already got a successful community project that you'd like to expand or develop?

If the answer is yes, then the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board wants to hear from you.

Community boards are two-way partnerships between the council and local communities. The essence of our vision is summed up in our simple strapline – Local voices, local choices, local action. By working together, we can truly bring change and improvement

to our area, directly addressing your concerns and priorities at a local level.

We have funds available to support projects that meet the agreed priorities. This includes anything from support for older people to health and wellbeing, transport and youth initiatives. Of particular focus this year are initiatives to improve the environment and supporting economic recovery.

If you have an idea for funding or are just keen to get involved in an action group looking at how to tackle local issues, get in touch with us at: **wingandivinghoe@buckinghamshire.gov.uk**



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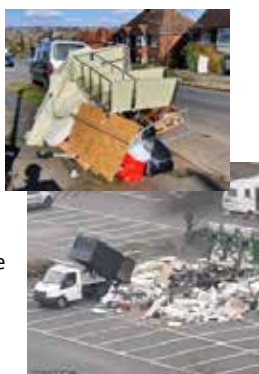
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Fly-tipping – notes from Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement Team

- If reporting dumped **waste for clearance** pls use **Fix My Street** www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk unless on **private land** then report to mailbox SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Fix My Street reports for public land are sent automatically to the right clean-up team, which helps us a lot, and all FMS reports are copied to the Enforcement Team including images and location map.
- If you see someone fly-tipping **please don't put yourself at risk - don't interfere**, just take details (they might take the waste somewhere else to dump it with no witnesses if you shout at them !)
- Report details incl **vehicle registration index, location, date and time** to mailbox SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- No need to put yourself at risk taking photos, but always helpful if you're able to do so **safely**
- Householders must **by law** use only a registered waste carrier (or council waste removal service)
- We ask everyone to **insist they pay online** which is far more traceable than cash
- Please make a note of the waste carrier vehicle registration index just in case
- Householders will be viewed as witnesses (rather than potentially defendants) in Bucks if they make traceable payment (not cash) even if their waste is fly-tipped
- Use someone you find to take your waste away - not someone who "finds you" don't use 'man with van' who knocks at your door unrequested
- Most of the waste which is fly-tipped in Bucks is brought in from elsewhere (mainly London and Slough)
- 2/3 of fly-tipping is trade waste (which means someone paid a waste carrier to take it away) and not a resident stupidly dumping their own waste
- On average there has been more than 1 dumping conviction per week for 10 years in Bucks
- Average total offenders pay at court is £1,875 (includes both dumping and duty of care failure cases)
- Fines have increased since 2014 Sentencing Guidelines came in
- Re-offenders are much more likely to be caught and will be at a higher risk of a prison sentence (to a maximum of 5 years)
- Buckinghamshire Council receives back over 70% of the investigation and clean-up costs for fly-tip court cases back to Council bank accounts
- Never be tempted to add items to fly-tipped waste – this would be viewed as fly-tipping (by you !) and a **'Zero Tolerance'** policy applies
- **Household waste is free** to take to the Household Recycling Centre, aka 'the dump' (includes fridges, mattresses, sofas, household black bag excess)
- 'Household waste' usually means the things you would take with you if you moved house, plus plant based garden waste – full details at :- www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres/waste-we-charge-for
- Waste management has never been 'free' – there are always costs, sometimes paid by taxation
- HRC site users pay for expensive extra services, rather than everyone subsidising through council tax
- S.C.R.A.P. Fly-tipping campaign <https://www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/scrap-fly-tipping/>



Follow Fly-tipping Enforcement team on Twitter at [@BucksFlyTipping](https://twitter.com/BucksFlyTipping)



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- Provide updates on the report

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- Go to your App Store and search 'fixmystreet'.

Or

- Go to www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk
Click on the 'download' icon

This opens a new dialogue 'install this website as an app on your Apps screen'

May be slightly different between iPhone and Android



Picture drawn by: Elfi Huxley, Ivinghoe (age 8)