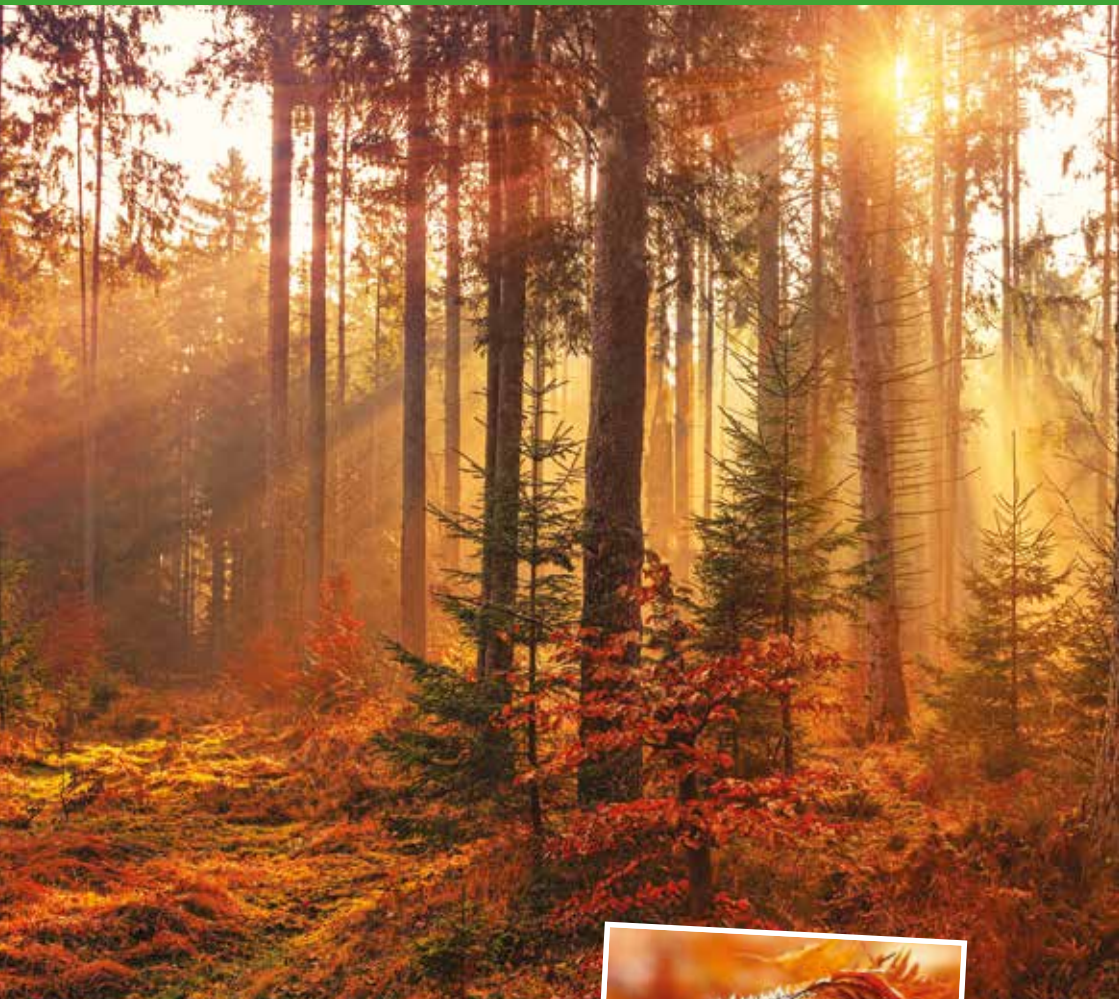




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Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to the November Beacon Magazine

Welcome to the November 2020 issue of the Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine. It has been a very memorable year and I wish everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas.



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council

Ivinghoe Traffic Calming Scheme

As you may remember a few years ago the late Ben Hamilton Bailee designed a traffic calming scheme for Ivinghoe village, many of you attended a presentation about this, Ivinghoe Parish Council has been working with Bucks Council on this project for many years.

We are now excited to announce this will be starting in the next few months:

First Phase – Station Road

Create a highlighted pedestrian crossing, create grass-crete parking, two informal roundabouts, traffic calming (buff coloured 'bar' and red backed 'slow' markings on the road and tree planting. The work to Station Road junction with Maud Janes Close will cost Ivinghoe Parish Council £25,324 which is half the cost the remaining will be matched funded by Bucks Council Community Board. We are expecting the work to start within the next few months.

Second Phase – High Street by Brookmead School

Working with Pitstone Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council the area will have advisory 20MPH speed limit, coloured carriageway surface, lining to visually reduce the carriageway and bollards. The cost to Ivinghoe Parish Council will

be £7,332, Pitstone Parish Council and Bucks Council will also contribute to make Brookmead School entrance safer for our residents



Ivinghoe High Street – possible double yellow lines (near the bend)

A group of residents have contacted Ivinghoe Parish Council to seek the Parish Council's support for Double Yellow Lines located on Ivinghoe High Street near the Groomsby Drive area. The Parish Council will write to residents located in this area to seek their views on this idea. We would also appreciate any views from the wider parish.

Rikki About

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Rikki Harrington for his Ivinghoe Aston updates in every issue and welcome Phil Jones who is taking over from Rikki. ►

Rikki will continue to send us Ashridge Ramblings and has kindly offered to be available for any special assignments.

Play Areas

The play areas have re-opened following government guidelines, you will see new signage reminding playground users of the Covid-19 guidelines and recommendations. The new fencing and gates are being installed as I write and should be complete



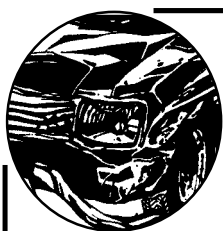
by the time this reaches you. The benches and picnic tables will be restored in the Spring.

Brownlow Bridge

Bucks Council have started work to strengthen the bridge and we are in communication with Bucks Council about the wider Ivinghoe zone freight strategy.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings continue to be held using Zoom software, login details are on the agenda. For further information please contact Ivinghoe Parish Clerk
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RikkIAbout

Did the Earth move for you?

At 09.45 on 8th September, the Leighton Buzzard earthquake struck, sending ripples through my coffee and dislodging a piece of moss from the roof. It was 3.3 on the Richter Scale but at least 10 on the Lorries-going-over-the-pothole-outside-our-house Scale. There haven't been so many people out on the street talking to each other since Clap for Carers. Two aftershocks apparently followed over the next fortnight, but they passed me by.

Pretty Pub

The Village Swan has won the RikkIAbout "Prettiest pub garden in Ivinghoe Aston" competition. The prize is having a picture here. Well done Sean, Seb and Sean's Mum! They really should enter a national fish and chips competition – I've not tasted better since I had a spectacular barramundi and chips near Brisbane twenty years ago.



Introducing Phil

I did say, a few issues back, that I felt it was time to hand over the reins and, miraculously, a volunteer came forward. Most people in IA will know Phil Jones, but I have interviewed him anyway, as it was a good excuse for a pint or three down the road. Phil, Pip and their children, came to IA in 1994, all the way from Pitstone, having earlier escaped from Slough. A mechanical engineer by training, Phil's career then evolved into IT sales, project management, pickles and jams, and now he is a handyman. Phil and Pip have always got stuck-in to village life, helping out with many social activities. They are also stalwarts of TVS quiz nights. Pip and the girls all helped to keep the pub churning out the beers behind the bar whilst the boys stayed on the other side! When not working or quizzing, Phil enjoys fly fishing and being with his children and grandchildren.



Phil Jones

Thank You and Goodnight

So that's me out of your hair. I took over from Ketts about six years ago. It's been great, and I wish Phil much fun as your new roving reporter. Many thanks to all those who have contributed, organised things on which I've reported or, especially, "volunteered" to be interviewed. I plan to keep up my Ashridge Ramblings for the time being.

Rikki Harrington

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Buckinghamshire Council Newsletter Ivinghoe Town Hall (Including Library and Post Office And Shop)

This Newsletter has been prepared in support of the listed building application submitted to (at the time) Aylesbury Vale District Council Heritage Team for carrying out general and specific external maintenance works to all elevations at Ivinghoe Town Hall (Beacon Villages Library).

Buckinghamshire Council are free holders of the property and therefore are authorised to carry out repairs and make good the property in accordance with the covenants and provisions contained in the Lease.

The Schedule of proposed Works has purposely taken an approach to reduce the impact on the heritage asset to minimize the impact on its significance and takes into account:

- The architectural and historic interest of the building
- The aesthetic qualities and interest of its design and character
- The building fabric
- The building's footprint, including its external composition
- Its spatial qualities and decorative schemes

The proposed Schedule of Works not only deals with items of work that are deemed to require Listed Building Consent, but it will also include, giving holistic context and relevant information to the building as a whole, items of work

that could be deemed as repairs which may not be considered to require Listed Building Consent.

The Local Planning Authority (LPA) have attached 5 number Conditions to their Decision Notice which all have to be discharged before and during the works to ensure all works will comply with Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

This Newsletter edition (#3) is to give notice that the three stage of the proposed External Maintenance Repair works is to discharge the Planning Conditions 2,3, 4 and, in the main, the overhaul repairs and repainting of the Town Hall windows.

This work will require the erection of a scaffold for safe access while working at height during these maintenance works. Considering the buildings age, Ivinghoe Town Hall's timber windows have endured the test of time, and enjoyed long lives mainly due to the high quality and durability of the timber that was used to construct them. There are various types of Double hung Sash Window to both the front and rear elevations of the Town Hall, including the "two cells, with accommodation for a police officer".

On my initial survey, the various timber windows appeared to only need



overhauling and basic maintenance, and the following repair schedule is to restore them to working order.

- Free jammed sashes and remove build-up of paint which interfere with their effective operation.
- Replace broken sash cords
- Lubricate pulleys and hinges
- Replace broken glass and defective putty
- Clean and repair ironmongery
- Ease sticking sashes
- Replace missing or worn beads
- Prepare and redecorate previously painted surfaces (Dulux Weathershield system)



However subject to a more detailed survey, if any of the existing double hung sash windows need structural repair works due to i.e. rot, then further advice will be sort from the LPA. The proposed Works Programme for this second stage of these external repairs works is as follows-

- Complete the test window by 23rd September 20 (weather permitting), and
- forward all the necessary information including photos to the Heritage Officer to pass and/or comment on by 25th September 2020.
- Thereafter assuming the test panel is passed, re-rendering will start on site 28th September 2020.
- Complete works on site by 9th October 2020 (weather permitting)





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WI News...

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



What a strange summer we have had, it was like the 'spirit of the blitz'.

We were not able to have our normal indoor meetings, so we have embraced the new phenomena of 'Zoom meetings'. Each month, on our normal meeting evening, Sue Eyre, president, ably assisted by husband Russ, produced a quiz for members and partners to participate in. This has been really good fun and our quiz queen is in her 80's.

These online meetings have also been extended to include committee meetings, craft group and general social events. By the time you are reading this report we will have trialled a full meeting using Zoom with remote speakers and members joining from the comfort of their home.

We also moved outdoors into our gardens and had tea and KitKat parties in groups of six socially distanced. Most of the time the weather was kind but a few of the meetings had to be postponed.

Our 'Random Readers' book group contributed to start a book swap in the Ivinghoe bus shelter. It was to give everyone in the villages access to reading material during the lockdown when the library was shut. Now that the library has reopened the much appreciated and successful book swap is now closed.

Even during these unprecedented times our community commitments carried on and were even extended to include:

- Our support to Aylesbury Women's Aid
- Supporting and collecting for the church food bank
- Making and distributing PPE clothing for the NHS

The walking groups continue apace. The Chiltern Way walkers have managed to add to their achievements so far, with still more of the route hopefully to be completed at some stage. We have also started a short walk group for general exercise.

Looking back on this report I am quite amazed at what we have achieved by positive thinking.

All activities within this report were conducted under the government Covid guidelines applicable at the time.

Christine Linley, IPWI Correspondent



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The fines amnesty ends on 30th September, so please make sure you have returned any outstanding items by this date.

The Beacon Villages Community Library AGM was held on 19th September, via Zoom. The reports presented at that meeting are on our website, and the Minutes will be added in due course.

At the meeting the committee was confirmed as: Avril Davies – Chair, Colin Arney – Treasurer, Janet Page – Secretary, committee members Gill Arney, Dave Frearson and Derek Peverill.

Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome to get in touch with us. We can co-opt members at any time throughout the year.

Thanks were expressed to the retiring committee members Dave Chang and Ann Broadbent.

Beacon Villages Community Library is run by the community, for the community:

www.bvcl.org.uk

General enquiries:

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Committee enquiries:

secretary@bvcl.org.uk

Opening times:

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Friday 2pm - 5pm

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 ivinghoechurchclerk@gmail.com

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



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**;

Chris Tugby on **01442 825421**; or

Stephen Booth on **01296 661745**.

You can also contact us by email at millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk

Stephen Booth, Chairman, Ford End Watermill Society

Our Hub run by this community for all

HOW TO BOOK HUB SPACE: Booking space within the Hub is easy but needs to follow through by the Hirer who:

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(The Dog Warden can be contacted on 01296 555605)



Hub News...

Hello from the Hub, and a plea!

An Autumnal note from your Volunteer Run Community Hub – long since a Registered Charity! A distance since our 2011 start – Community Meetings, Forming a Trustees Group, Applications for Grants, Signing the Lease, enabling the Building Adaptations – now a Community engaged, transparent Project for your Wellbeing!



Carol Tarrant 2011 writing Social Needs Case for proposed Community Hub

Where are we now?

After Lockdown – we Trustees have met ‘socially distanced’ frequently during the ‘downtime’ to keep everything under review – now we are fully open for bookings in a Government Approved Covid-19 protected way – the NHS App inspired ‘QR Code’ displayed to keep everyone fully ‘Tracked and Traced’, full complement of Sanitisers, Reminder Notices, etc. – all to keep everyone safe, while trying to now operate as ‘normally’ as possible. Bookings are coming in, subject to some not too-draconian Covid-19 rules – Kickboxing started again on 5th October, Guides are now meeting every Tuesday evening, Simply Walks continues as an



‘Outside Sport’, and an Arts Class booked in towards the end of October – look at our Facebook page – ‘Ivinghoe Old School Hub’ – for the Calendar!

What were we doing during Covid-19 Lockdown?

Initially shocked by the Lockdown – our first anxieties were to keep engaged with our Community. Applying for and receiving two Grants to help us give a hand to our tenant, and to ensure that we didn’t go under from an immediate cessation of Community hirings. Taking example from many other communities, we started the ‘WhatsApping in Ivinghoe?’ WhatsApp Group, to give a hand to village folk needing medicines delivered, groceries, phone calls – even dog-walking; the group continues since Lockdown’s are never far from our horizon!



What our Hub was doing behind the scenes

Over the Hub’s first six or seven years behind the scenes we were meeting in the Rose and Crown every Monday evening!

Writing detailed social needs reports for Bucks C.C. to consider our tenancy request, we finally received a 25 year Lease at (literally!) a peppercorn rent! We raised over £100,000 in Grant Funding, and Ivinghoe villagers were overwhelmingly behind the project for saving the beloved building for Community Wellbeing.



Our refurbishment of the building included: Insulation of ceilings; Reconditioning of Gas Heaters; Re-wiring, changing lighting style and repainting to lighten and wipe clean; Restoring the old Classroom Screen; Reforming the old Kitchen, we purchased 64 upholstered dark willow stackable chairs and 13 rectangular tables and a table nest to keep them in. All sorts of other stuff – two new W.C’s, accepting a donated piano and a fridge for Hall use; installing loudspeakers, a PA system and a whole wall projection screen. We keep up our flowers and plants inside and out, even though they ‘re-wilded’ the entire space itself beautifully during Lockdown – chives still pop up where they will!



Our business plan is very simple – rent and utilities payments to us helps pay for our utilities; Hiring Fees paid to us for hiring space pays for the obligation of refurbishment inside and out, renewal of furnishings, and provision of new equipment. Occasional Grants allow us to for example renew our floor boards throughout; our income and expenditure.

Chat to me/us please, by email:

caroltrarrant@gmail.com or **ivinghoeoldschoolcommunityhub@btconnect.com**, by note through the door of the hub for Bob and Carol or leave a message on the phone **01296 661666**.

Stay safe, keep well and join in with us please, life feels so much better when we share some of it.

Email: **ivinghoeoldschoolcommunityhub@btconnect.com**

Facebook: **Ivinghoe Old School Hub**

Website: **ivinghoeoldschool.com**

Thanks Carol Tarrant Chair of Hub



‘After’ we opened – Reunions, Parties and Work Details in the early days

The Royal British Legion Ivinghoe & Pitstone Branch



As the impact of Covid 19 continues to affect us all, the usual Poppy Appeal held annually over the two weeks before Remembrance Sunday, is the latest casualty. I am the Poppy Appeal organiser for the Ivinghoe and Pitstone branch of the Royal British Legion and organise the collections. Usually we have a team of volunteers carrying out door to door 'rounds', Joe stands outside Mason's Stores, our local pubs and businesses have a poppy box and tin on their premises, and the village churches donate Remembrance Sunday collections.

This year NONE of that will happen.

There can be no face to face collections – so no door to door. Boxes filled with poppies, pins, crosses etc cannot be put out in our pubs and businesses as it invites multiple handling of the contents as people riffle through to find what they want and this is an absolute no no. This leaves us with very little apart from poppies being sold from one area in as safe a way as possible so this is how we have decided to do it so that we can at least raise a small amount of money.

The 2020 Poppy Appeal

The 2020 Poppy Appeal lasts from 25th October to 7th November, and the following items will be available during that period:

- 2020 pins
- D Day 75 pins
- Ordinary poppies
- Silk poppies
- Wooden crosses

If you want any of these items, please ring **Harry and Ann Batchelor** on **661449** if you live in Pitstone or Ivinghoe. Let them know what you want and they will arrange collection with you from their home at 14 Albion Road. If you in turn could put your donation into an envelope marked POPPY and give it to them they will quarantine the envelopes until the count takes place.

You can also ring **Margaret** on **661280** or email **margo.j@btinternet.com**. Margaret will put your order into an envelope and leave the envelope in a box near her front door. Please put your donation into an envelope marked POPPY and put it through her letterbox.

If you wish to write a cheque please make it payable to **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**.

All of the unopened envelopes containing donations will go into a separate box and be quarantined at another address until we do the count in mid November. Sounds complicated but I think it will work and at least we might make a little bit of money for the Poppy Appeal.

You will still be able to get a poppy from sellers at the larger stores such as Tesco. There are a strict set of rules that they have to follow, but I am sure that the larger branches will be undertaking such a collection. So either way, you will still be able to get a poppy when you go shopping. Of course if we go into another lockdown all of the above will be irrelevant!!

The Heritage Park Pitstone Green Museum

This year has been a difficult one for us, here at the farm but probably not as bad as some of you have endured. Our sympathies go out to all of you who have had a bad time and let's all hope we can look forward to better times ahead. We have lost a number of our volunteers to a variety of ailments and many of our members are in the very high risk category for the Virus and have had to isolate for the maximum time stated but our remaining regulars have kept the museum in good order throughout the summer.

We had to take the difficult decision to close completely because of the vulnerability of everyone involved and the likelihood that most of our most popular exhibits would have had to remain closed thus reducing people's enjoyment of this amazing, unique place.

Now that we have got a more stable

idea of what the future may hold for us we can start to make plans to enable us to re-open next Easter Monday 5th April. We can organise a one-way system to help with social distancing and we may have to go to timed tickets for entry to keep crowding to a minimum. Keep an eye on our website for more up to date information nearer the time.

www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk

We hear many tales of boredom during these times, if this applies to you, why not think about joining The Museum as a volunteer, it's great fun, and very satisfying and there are many things that need doing which could be done at home, if that is more appropriate to your situation. If you are interested contact me on **manager@pitstonemuseum.co.uk**

Best wishes to you all –
Pete Farrar (manager)



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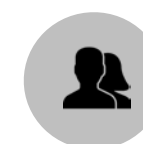
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Many good things happen by chance and a chance drive through Ivinghoe village one day in August was just one of those! A sign was spotted, on the window announcing number 17 High Street was available to rent, the perfect location for a new venture.

After a few years of working freelance as an events florist, Iain has taken the opportunity to go retail. After much hard work to transform the shop into an ideal space, **The Green Room** is now bright and airy and is the perfect background for the stunning flowers, gifts and home accessories now for sale.

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The choice of gifts and home accessories is very varied, ranging from glass vases and hurricane lanterns, stone and decorated plant pots to mirrors and a

huge skeleton wall clock. The stock will be ever changing so it's worth keeping an eye out for new things as they arrive. Alongside a quirky selection of stylish greetings cards, mugs and cushions there are even delicious hand-made treats for your four-legged friend!

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With Christmas fast approaching, Iain will be continuing his ever-popular Christmas wreath workshop, but due to current regulations, numbers are strictly limited so its best to book early to avoid disappointment. Of course, if you don't fancy making your own, there will be a range available to buy in the shop from mid-November.

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Alex Wynne **01296 668336**



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

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BEACON COMMUNITY CHOIR

As we write this, it is nearly six weeks since we should have performed Karl Jenkins's "Stabat Mater" to a packed St Mary's church, and we should also have been preparing for our ever popular open air, summer programme, this time returning to The Lawn in Ivinghoe. How things have changed in such a short time. In the nearly 13 years since the choir was formed, we have never been silent for such a long period of time. But though we are not performing in public, work is still going on in the background. Like many choirs all over the country, the Beacon Community Choir has been meeting on Zoom, swapping lockdown stories and laughing and singing together throughout the current crisis. We are learning new repertoire and making plans for future concerts once we are allowed to perform again.

Until the government give us all the go ahead to gather together in larger groups, and concerts and theatre performances are once again allowed, we cannot give any definite dates of future choir concerts, but as soon as we are able, we will be celebrating in song together with you, our loyal and valued audience.

We hope you all keep safe over the coming weeks and we look forward to seeing you soon at our first concert in the new season!

Beacon
communitychoir

News from St. Mary's Church, Ivinghoe

Dear all, several face-to-face services have now been held at St. Marys and therefore a little more normality has returned to our lives. So far, we have reinstated our Holy Communion services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month with a few additional services planned. Our first live service was on the first Sunday in September and took the form of an outdoor service led by Sandra and Jane in the churchyard and it was a real success, perhaps because the weather was so good. We are also now permitted to have a small choir to support our worship which means that we have live singing in our services even though we can't join in!

We also hope to hold an event to commemorate All Souls and a much smaller Remembrance service, Covid permitting. It's a case of watching and waiting for updated advice from the

government and the national church.

There are restrictions on the numbers that can attend a service and for St. Mary's, this is 20 places rising to a maximum of 30 to include members of the same household.

To book a place at any of our services do contact Stephen Swinbank: **spswinbank@gmail.com** or **01296 660680** by 6pm on Friday evening prior to the service on Sunday morning.

Or look on the church website **https://ivinghoe-church.org**

In addition, we have services on Facebook and on the phone every Sunday morning at 9.30am led by Revd David Holloway.

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David Green



Did you know that your local churches in Ivinghoe, Slapton and Marsworth run a Food Bank?



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All calls will be dealt with confidentially and we will arrange for a box of food to be left on the doorstep.

Tring School New Build

The project to rebuild the majority of Tring School is now well underway. Work started in May 2020 to prepare the ground for the erection of a temporary two storey building containing 35 classrooms, labs, offices and amenities. This construction was completed in late August enabling the staff to move in at the end of the month with students being in the classrooms from 2 September onwards.

The students and staff have all been hugely impressed with the quality of the new facilities and they are far superior to the old buildings they have left behind. The rooms are large, bright, warm and have a high specification of ICT in every teaching space.

Now that we have relocated half of the school into the temporary accommodation, work has begun on demolishing some of the old buildings. Watching this happen has fascinated many of the students!!

The demolition will be completed this Autumn and then we can move on to building the new school. The three storey building will be constructed by Bowmer + Kirkland and will be one of the most sustainably designed schools in the country with additional facilities to support the pastoral care and emotional well-being of the students. A local benefactor has also committed to fund expanded sports facilities to encourage more participation in physical activity and exercise.

The new facilities will include science laboratories, design and technology facilities, art rooms, classrooms, new

dining room, learning resources centre, sixth form centre, a four court sports hall and an activity studio. Every single teaching space will benefit from new and high quality ICT equipment. The front of the new building will be some 65 metres further back from the road and reducing the impact on the local community has been a key element in the exterior design and landscaping. Every single element of the new school has been carefully considered and meticulously planned.

In terms of the here and now, it has been a massive task to make the school conform to all of the Government guidelines for Covid 19. This would have been challenging at the best of times but given the restrictions of the new build programme on top of Covid it really has led to a lot of headaches. However, we've taken everything in our stride! We have the students in their year group bubbles conforming to one way systems, staggered meal times, face covering rules, a meticulous cleaning regime, extra staff on supervision duties and a whole raft of other actions and measures. As with the provision of our online learning when schools were closed earlier in the year, we believe we've gone above and beyond in doing everything that we possibly can in the best interests of the students and the staff. The environment is safe and secure and well organised.

The plans for the new school buildings can be seen on the school's website along with drawings and a virtual "fly-through" showing both interior and

exterior views. I really do encourage you to find a few minutes to watch the fly-through as it's brilliant!

Rod Gibberd Business Director
Chief Operating Officer for the Ridgeway Learning Partnership



Ivinghoe Allotments

Tales from the Plot



I hope that you are all still keeping safe and well – it would appear that it will be a long journey before we can resume our normal lives, so continue to look after yourselves and others.

On Saturday 5th September a long awaited barbecue took place on our communal plot, social distancing and all the other guidelines were duly observed. We had a total of 23 allotment holders enjoying themselves on a sunny evening. The grilling of everyone's BYO food was expertly done by Russell and Damian – so many thanks to them.

Many thanks also to the following for making it such a successful evening: John Lowe for donating the seat, Sam and Steve for donating a barbecue and Simone for donating the table.

There are plans for future events but they are on hold in view of the current situation and decisions will be made once the restrictions are lifted. Plot holders, please keep an eye out on our notice board and Russell's shed.

It was wonderful news after all these years to learn that Ivinghoe Parish Council has subscribed to membership of the National Allotments Society; this will certainly benefit all of us on the allotment site – in particular buying our vegetable seeds with a great discount!

Now, after all the social news let us get on to the growing side of the allotment plots. We all keep saying year after year what a strange growing season it has been and this year is no

exception. Plot holders growing potatoes feared the worst after the severe frost (-4) we had earlier in the season – but I know that everyone's plants recovered well and delivered the goods. My second early variety, Kestrel, exceeded my expectations producing a very good yield of more than average sized potatoes which incidentally make excellent roasting potatoes.

Express Broad Beans, Curly Kale, Boltardy Beetroot, Courgettes, Autumn Mammoth Leeks and Carrots produced a satisfactory reward for putting them in the ground. I experimented with several varieties of peas including Meteor Misty, Avola, Terrain and Bingo – I grew some on the normal frame and others in big black pots supported by wire netting and the latter produced more peas. The pots proved far easier to weed as it is a more compact space and you can control the growth and direction. It is also hugely useful to be able to move the pots around the plot!

If there are two vegetable plants that I have grown from seed that I have been really happy about this season it would have to be Butternut Squash and the White Star F1 Onion. The squash has produced 11 good-sized fruits. The onion can be picked when it is the size of a golf ball or it can be left to grow larger – it is a good crisp white onion and stores brilliantly.

There has been an abundance of fruit on the trees this year resulting from the

ideal weather we've had. However, the apple tree has not been as fruitful – I've only had about 20. The pear tree has produced some good sized fruit and there is some already pickling in white wine (I'm still waiting for Alistair to connect his plastic pipe from his vineyard to my plot).

The plum tree has produced more fruit than I can ever remember with several branches near to breaking point from the sheer volume of fruit. The beauty of the allotment is that the harvest can be shared between everyone.

At this time of year we start to get our plots ready for the next growing season – but that is another chapter!



May I finish by once again wishing that you all keep safe and well during these difficult times and that hopefully you and your families have a happy festive season and all the very best for 2021!

Stay safe and well all of you.

Mind how you go...

Ernie – Ivinghoe Plot Holder



Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston and Pitstone Horticultural Society

Were it not for the coronavirus pandemic we would no doubt be reporting on yet another successful flower show, the fifth since its revival in 2016. Sadly, like many other community events it wasn't to be. We are however delighted to report that we were able to stage a virtual version of the annual inter village allotment challenge for the coveted Harry Ecklethwaite Trophy. A few hardy souls from the respective sites each staged a display of flowers, fruit and veg at their site. This year Ivinghoe were

victorious and Simone collected the trophy on their behalf. Congratulations to Ivinghoe and thank you to all those who helped and took part, particularly our judge Carol, who trekked across the sites on the coldest, windiest evening since lockdown began.

As part of our affiliation to the Royal Horticultural Society, we have the honour of awarding one of our members the prestigious Banksian Medal. This year it was awarded to Karen Groom. The criteria was for someone who had done something of note for their community

during the pandemic. Marjory Rankin speaking on behalf of Pitstone Allotment Association best sums up why Karen is such a worthy winner, "During August and September we held a weekly collection of surplus produce for the local food bank, we were staggered by the response and very grateful Karen offered to take delivery and coordinate the distribution with Babs. What we found remarkable was Karen set up and manned a stall selling our 'surplus' surplus raising some very useful funds for the food bank, thank you Karen."

We will be planning for next year's show over the coming months and would like to confirm that last year's published craft schedule will roll over to next year. When it is safe and permissible we will hold an AGM.

All being well this time next year we will be reporting on another successful show, in the meantime enjoy your growing, cooking and crafting.

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Ivinghoe winning entry



Ivinghoe winning team



Karen Groom



Banksian medal winner, Pitstone entry

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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
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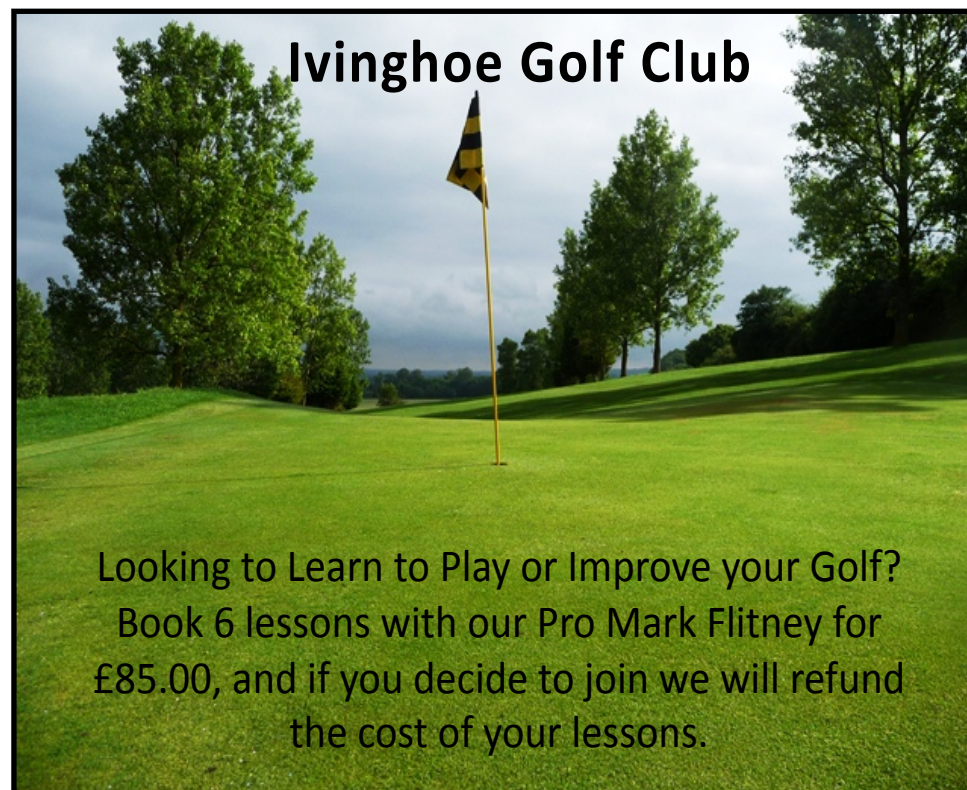
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Ashridge Ramblings – Autumn Glory

On and on restrictions go, but nature continues unfazed, giving us all an escape pod. Ashridge won't be holding any events for the foreseeable future, but the bucks are rutting, the trees are looking glorious, the shop is open and you can still get a post-perambulatory coffee.

Autumn walks are amongst the best. I miss my butterflies but adore the colours and the carpet of fallen leaves that renders the mud innocuous. Surprisingly, there is still debate about why leaves turn red. In autumn, deciduous trees break down the green chlorophyll that converts sunlight to energy. The nutrients are returned to the roots to help provide sustenance during the winter. Yellow and orange leaves result from the unmasking of carotenoid pigments, which have always been there. Red, pink and purple colours, however, come from anthocyanins, and these have to be manufactured anew. This requires energy and must therefore have evolved to benefit the plant in some way. There is a range of theories as to what these benefits might be. Anthocyanins might act as antioxidants, helping trees to cope with harsh conditions. They might attract birds, which help disperse fruits. They might act as sunscreen, protecting the leaves from damage caused by UV light, hence delaying their fall and squeezing a little more energy out of them. There are some other, wackier theories.

About 10% of Ashridge's trees are Ash but, sadly, this is likely to fall. Ash

dieback, caused by a fungus called *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*, has taken hold and is slowly killing our eponymous trees. Symptoms include leaf loss and crown dieback. Maybe it should be called corona-fungus! The worst affected trees, especially those growing near footpaths, roadsides and homes seem to develop a large, bright blue spot on the trunk. These are destined for the chop, the spot having been put there by our foresters to identify trees that may, in future, pose a risk.

Rikki Harrington

(Ashridge Estate Committee Member)

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The dreaded blue spot on condemned Ash trees



Ashridge autumn glory – **don't miss it!**

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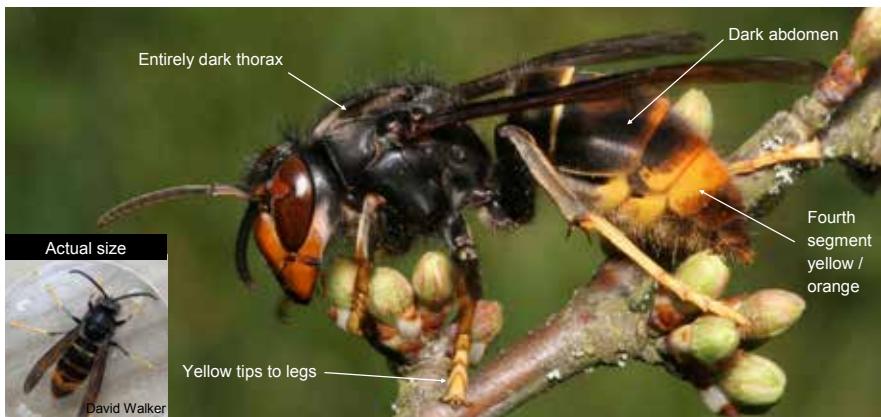
ASIAN HORNET

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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.

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What does it look like?

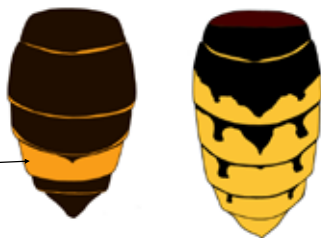
- Slightly smaller than native hornet
- Dark abdomen, 4th segment yellow / orange
- Bright yellow tips to legs (native hornet dark)
- Entirely brown or black thorax (native hornet more orange)

Asian hornet nest

'Hawks' outside honey bee colonies



Asian hornet abdomen Native hornet abdomen



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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.

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Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board update

On 23 September we had the second meeting of the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board. As you may know, the Community Boards were set up when the new Buckinghamshire Council came into effect in April. The Wing and Ivinghoe Board comprises 16 parishes and our aim is to bring people together from these to make a real difference to the places where we live: Aston Abotts, Cublington, Cheddington, Pitstone, Mentmore, Wing, Slapton, Hardwick, Creslow, Ivinghoe, Wingrave and Rowsham, Weedon, Edlesborough, Marsworth, Watermead and Whitchurch.

The 16 Community Boards across Buckinghamshire have been given a collective budget of £3.9 million. The budget is split into three funding streams:

- Community Area Priorities Fund
- Health and Wellbeing Fund
- Local Infrastructure Fund

The Community Area Priorities Fund will be used to support local projects which will help improve outcomes for residents whilst addressing the local needs and our area priorities. These will be determined by each Community Board and support the delivery of Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Plan. Up to 50% of this budget can be used for transport projects.

The Health and Wellbeing Fund is to be used to support local projects which will help improve the health and



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Buckinghamshire Councillor,
Ivinghoe Division

wellbeing of residents.

The Local Infrastructure Fund is to support community infrastructure needs. It can be used to support the upgrading of existing and/or new physical and/or social infrastructure. The overall budget is allocated based on the number of new homes proposed for each Board area according to the draft or published Local Plans.

For the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board, the levels of funding for 2020/21 are as follows:

- Community Area Priorities - £86,563
- Fund Health & Wellbeing Fund - £26,879
- Infrastructure Fund Total - £39,536
- Total budget - £152,978

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a portion of the Health and Wellbeing Fund was allocated to the new Councillor Crisis Fund in the spring to help support the Covid volunteer groups who were working on the ground to ensure that shielded residents were able to receive food and other essential supplies during the full national lockdown. Moreover, at the most recent meeting in September, I am happy to say that funding allocation

was already approved for three traffic calming projects in our area in Ivinghoe and Cublington, and for a cycle path between Mentmore and Cheddington, so we have definitely hit the ground running!

The Community Boards work in a totally new and exciting way as they are very much resident-driven. Your ideas and priorities matter, and we want you to get involved in helping to identify and shape our community priorities by sharing what matters most to you or raising an issue or an idea for a community improvement. We want to hear from you and you can get in touch with us by contacting our Community Board coordinator, Katrina Kelly on **localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk** or on our new Facebook Community Board page which is currently being developed – details of the link will be circulated once that is up and running.

There are lots of ways to get involved. If several people across the Wing and Ivinghoe area wish to work on the same idea – for example, exploring ways to make our communities more dementia-friendly or for looking into the possibility of planting wildflower meadows locally – then our Community Board coordinator, Katrina Kelly, will bring you all together with other residents, parish councillors, and stakeholders who interested in the same issue. You would come together in a working group to explore the ideas and work with Buckinghamshire council officers and other partners to look at local projects. Some of these partners might even be able to offer match funding. These partners might range from groups like Chiltern AONB or Rural England, in the case of wildlife preservation across our area for

example, to Active Bucks public health officers to help identify ways to combat social isolation and get people fit, active and to keep in touch with other residents with similar interests.

Since working groups can organise their own meetings, research options, and ways of working, they can set their own pace. Once they have come up with project ideas they can then apply for funding using the online application form which can be found on our Community Board webpage link. Their request will then be formally added to the agenda for discussion and/or local member approval at the next one of our five formal Community Board meetings each year.

Some examples of local priorities which have been identified through discussions at recent Community Board meetings and with local residents, community groups and partners include the Environment, Covid-19 recovery, Health and Wellbeing for all, and Transport. Specific working groups are forming within these four main priorities, as detailed below:

- **Transport** which includes exploring Traffic Calming, Bus Routes and 20mph zones
- **Environment** which includes exploring Littering, Cycle ways, improved infrastructure for Electric Car Charging points, and preservation of Wildlife
- **Covid 19** which includes exploring continued Business and economic support for recovery in case of local lockdowns
- **Health and Well-being** which includes exploring Youth Recruitment/ Youth Council, Better Rural Broadband
- **Reduction of Drugs and ASB/** ▶

Neighbourhood Crime Combatting Social Isolation,

- **Food and Fitness Fair** in Summer 2022, Dementia friendly communities

If you would like to get involved in any of the above working groups please get in touch.

I'd encourage you all to join our community board as you get to have your say on these and other issues that affect your area. How involved you become is up to you. We'll:

- invite you to our board meetings and events
- give you the opportunity to get involved with our working groups

- let you know about local consultations
- share information on funding for communities

If you would like to find out more about your local Community Board and get involved, contact us at **localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk**

For more information please see our Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board webpage: **<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/wing-ivinghoe-community-board/>**

Anne Wight



2020 Christmas Post Update

1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts are sad to announce that due to the ongoing uncertainty about Covid, 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 2021.

Your local Councillors:

Cllr Karen Groom

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From Buckinghamshire Councillors

Sandra Jenkins and Derek Town

Buckinghamshire Council sets its sights on Covid recovery by proposing 'best in class' devolution bid

Buckinghamshire Council sets its sights on Covid recovery by proposing "best in class" devolution bid.

The proposal, which is subject to being approved by the council's Cabinet when it meets next month, demonstrates both the ambition and the potential of the new Buckinghamshire Council which was launched on 1st April this year.

The new council geographically aligns with the Local Enterprise Partnership, strategic NHS partners, business representative organisations and the voluntary and community sector. Working together with these partners, the council is now finalising an ambitious proposal that could not only benefit the economic and social revival of Buckinghamshire, but could add £10 billion a year to the UK economy by 2050.

The hope is that this aligns with the Government's forthcoming 'Devolution White Paper', which will pave the way for devolution bids across the country and Buckinghamshire wants to be in the vanguard of those areas who might benefit from devolution in the future.

In putting forward this proposal the new council, together with the Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, has chosen to withdraw from the Oxford to Cambridge 'ARC Leaders Group' and present a bid led by



business opportunities and strengths in key growth sectors.

Cllr Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, commented:

"The Government's election manifesto made clear its commitment to devolution across all of England, not just to cities. It is vital that the Government use its forthcoming White Paper to empower large unitary authorities such as Bucks to drive forward economic recovery and growth, along with tackling long standing social, environmental and health issues.

"As one of the newest and largest unitary authorities in the UK, with a proven track record of delivery, we have our sights set on a 'best in class' devolution settlement which can drive post-Covid 19, recovery benefiting the residents and businesses of Buckinghamshire, as well as creating jobs and prosperity for the UK economy as a whole."

Buckinghamshire has super strengths

of high tech and medi-tech, space and creative and digital industries. When combined with our physical location at the centre of major growth hubs, our proven track record of delivery and strong partnerships between local government, business and health, we know there is huge potential for us to turbo charge our economic recovery.

Post-Covid it is very important that Buckinghamshire is free to be 'business led'. It has become clear that business needs to be able to form alliances and exploit opportunities wherever they lie, rather than being tied to a particular geography. Bucks business will embrace growth and recovery opportunities in working with partners across many areas including Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Berkshire or Surrey. It is important to stress that we will work with a broad range of organisations and industries to maximise business opportunities wherever they occur."

Help us decide our budget priorities

Buckinghamshire Council today launches its budget consultation for 2021/22. Residents, businesses and other interested parties are being asked to submit their views on the council's spending priorities for the coming financial year.

The council carries out a budget consultation every year, giving people the chance to have their say on where they think money should be invested and also in which services or areas they believe savings can be made.

Council finances have faced added pressure this year as a result of the

coronavirus pandemic. The double effect of additional spending to support our vulnerable and the variety of one-off costs incurred, combined with the loss of income from regular funding streams such as parking revenue and business rates has brought about a budget shortfall. Although some additional funding from central government has helped, it doesn't cover all the additional costs and has left a funding gap of around £7m.

Council Leader Martin Tett explained: *"2020 has been a year like no other. As individuals, families and whole communities, everyone has faced uncertainty and many challenges over the past six months. As a council our experience has been no different.*

"We are now at the stage where we must set our budget priorities for the coming financial year. In any year this can be a challenge but undoubtedly this year will be even harder.

"Without a doubt we are better off having come together to form Buckinghamshire Council in April this year. Being one council we were able to work quickly to deliver a coordinated response to Covid and we were able to work more effectively with businesses and community groups as a single organisation."

Martin Tett continued: *"We now have an organisation that is better placed to respond to our residents and businesses' needs. We will also be able to make substantial savings going forward as we bring services together. Millions of pounds of savings have already been made; however, others such as rationalising contracts as they come* ►

up for renewal and redesigning how we do things, will take time to realise so that we don't damage vital services. The majority of these savings are likely to be over the next five years which doesn't help in our current situation. In the meantime cost pressures have increased dramatically, particularly for social care, as a result of Covid.

"There are clearly tough decisions ahead, so it's important that we give everyone the opportunity to have their say on what our spending priorities should be for the coming year."

To take part in the online consultation visit our website. The consultation closes on Sunday 8 November.

Railway Under-bridge at Cooks Wharf

It appears the work carried out recently has provided a positive solution at last. I believe the problem was a blocked culvert (probably constructed when the railway was built in 1838). The recent heavy rain did not cause a flood so the route to Pitstone should now stay open all year.

First Buckinghamshire e-bike scheme being introduced along Waddesdon Greenway

A fleet of new electric bikes available for the public to use is being introduced for the first time in Buckinghamshire. The ten e-bikes will come into service along the well-loved 4km long Waddesdon Greenway and will give people a new way of travelling between Waddesdon Manor and Aylesbury Vale Parkway railway station.

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The bikes are now available to use as part of a 'soft launch' of the service before the scheme is launched to the wider public later in September. Initially, the bikes are only available from the docking station outside the visitors' centre at Waddesdon Manor. Bikes are available on a first-come-first-served basis and full instructions on how to hire are displayed on the docking station itself. Hire charges are £1.50 for the first hour and £1.00 for each additional 30 minutes. The second docking station at the railway station is being installed in the coming weeks, ready for the full launch of the service.

This is a great example of partnership working between the council, Aylesbury Garden Town, Waddesdon Manor and Chiltern Railways. The e-bikes are operated by French company Smoove, with full repair and maintenance support from Cyclefleet. Bikes will be available seven days a week, for an initial period of a year and full customer support will be available 24 hours a day.

Covid-19/Coronavirus

No intentions of repeating the many very good directives and guide lines that have

been prevalent over the last 6 months but just to recognise the volunteers and their supporters who have served the village so well in our time of need.

THANK YOU.

Additionally we are pleased to report that the assistance from central government to help the volunteer efforts was not at all bureaucratic or obstructive. For those residents who are not aware the government via Buckinghamshire Council (BC) assigned up to £2000 for each BC councillor to allocate to local volunteer groups directly or via the parish councils for petrol and other incurred costs in the course of the daily tasks in support of the vulnerable residents who were isolating/shielding during lockdown. We were all impressed at the speed effectiveness of the process and council officers in transferring the money to the organisations/parish council bank accounts. One example where the respective councillor completed the forms, submission made and monies appearing in the respective bank account was less than 7 days.

Fly Tipping - Call for extra vigilance to help stop post-lockdown fly tipping

The unique circumstances of the coronavirus lockdown have led to a national surge in the problem of opportunistic waste carriers who all too often simply fly tip people's waste, warns Buckinghamshire Council's illegal waste enforcement team, who have the job of tracing and prosecuting offenders under the Buckinghamshire's 'zero tolerance' approach to fly tipping.

"That's why I'm asking people to be

extra vigilant", said Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change Bill Chapple OBE: "Lockdown has meant that many of us have had the opportunity to do the biggest spring clean ever, or to finally get into that long-intended DIY project – and that's resulted in a lot of extra waste. Added to that, the housing market is beginning to get going again, and there will be lots of clearing out as delayed house moves start to take place.

But don't be tempted to hire a 'man with a van' who's offering a cheap job. There's a legal responsibility to ensure that your waste is disposed of properly – and that means using a bona fide licensed carrier. Check the SCRAP fly tipping code – it tells you everything you need to do to avoid a rogue operator that might just dump your waste at the roadside.

Check out the SCRAP fly tipping code: www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/scrap-fly-tipping

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Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

Council to move ahead with Ivinghoe freight zone



October 15th 2020

Buckinghamshire Council has announced plans to move ahead with the implementation of the Ivinghoe area 'freight zone', after some delays due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The scheme, to reduce HGV traffic in the Cheddington, Ivinghoe and Mentmore areas, sits within defined boundaries, east of the A418, north of the A41 and west of the B489. Work to draft the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders needed for the zone is now scheduled to start in mid February 2021, when formal public consultation will take place. Subject to the feedback received, the scheme could be fully operational by spring 2021.

Essential works to strengthen the Brownlow bridge on the B488 have already started and these are expected to be completed by the end of November.

Public engagement on the concept of the freight zone took place last March and was widely supported by local residents, businesses and community groups. It included dialogue with parish councils, local councillors, and businesses, along with drop-in exhibition events in Ivinghoe and Wing and a survey which received 332 responses.

Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet Member for Transport Nick Naylor said he was delighted to announce the news. "I'd like to have got on with things quicker, however COVID-19 restrictions have

affected our planning with council officers and resources redeployed to help support the vulnerable and those at highest risk.

"But now I'm delighted we're back on track and that the Ivinghoe area is set for its freight zone. Once drafted, the TROs will be subject to statutory public consultation so people can have their say on all the detail before final implementation. We also need to liaise with colleagues in Hertfordshire and Central Bedfordshire Councils as some of the signage will need to be sited in their areas," he added.

The Orders will include a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on vehicles travelling through the zone. There will be an exception for vehicles travelling to destinations within the zone, which means deliveries and collections for local homes and businesses can continue unaffected.

Monitoring in November 2019 showed an average of 254 HGVs per week passed through the proposed zone, heading for destinations further afield, around 47% of the total HGV traffic in the area.

Local ward councillor and Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Chairman Anne Wight added, "This is great news. The 'freight zone' would give us that balance between allowing those HGVs that need to come to the area and discouraging those that just pass through. Potentially this scheme could see lorry movements

reduced by close to 50%, considerably reducing the negative impacts on local residents, buildings and the environment."

For further information about the freight zone, please visit:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/transport-plans-and-policies/freight-strategy/ivinghoe-area-freight-engagement/>

Notes to Editor

The survey results were:

- 70% agreed or strongly agreed with the freight zone proposals - 95% of these lived within the proposed zone
- 23% disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposals - 69% of these lived in Buckinghamshire outside the proposed zone
- 7% neither agreed nor disagreed
- 72% preferred a 7.5 tonne restriction in the proposed freight zone on all roads, including Brownlow Bridge
- 4% preferred a 7.5 tonne restriction on Brownlow Bridge but not on roads in the proposed freight zone

- 8% preferred no change to the movement of heavy lorries
- 12% provided alternative solutions
- 5% were not sure

For further details about the results, please visit: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/highway-projects/ivinghoe-fz-survey/>

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Strengthening work to Brownlow Bridge is currently taking place (Ivinghoe)



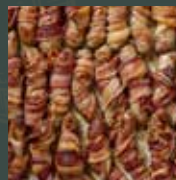
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