

Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board

Sub group Environment and Green Spaces

Goal: to help improve the quality of and access to our Community Board area's natural environment and green resources

Measurable Outcome(s): To instigate or support local initiatives.

Meeting of 10th November 2020

In attendance: Cllr Paul Irwin (chair), Cllr Brian Foster, Julia Ridout (Cuddington), Nick Payne (Woodham), Kaykhosrow Manuchehri (resident of Long Crendon), Kim Moloney (Grendon Underwood), Michelle Thompson, Melanie Rose, Claire Lucas, Nick Lyon, Sian Miller (Ashendon), Corrinna Martin Kirsten Shaw. Apologies: Cllr Brian Foster.

Major Objective	Key Tasks	Lead Person	Timescale	November update
Facilitate communities to improve their green spaces through distribution of a wildlife starter pack.	Set up initial meeting with Chiltern Rangers and BBOWT to discuss in more detail.	Elaine and Chair	November	Took place on 5 th November with Kate Sheard from BBOWT and Paul Stack from Chiltern Rangers.
	BBOWT Marketing Team to pool together some existing information to create an A4 colourful factsheet and provide costs for putting together a resident's pack. Could be replicated across other CBS.	Kate Sheard	December 2020 - January 2021	
Secure funding	Promote Green Futures Funding to potential	ALL	ASAP	

	schools and community groups			
	Explore parishes making HS2 applications (process putting some off). To identify where Future Bucks funding is and what's left.	Paul Irwin	November-December	Paul and Elaine met with Gareth Davies from BC and £18,500 funds to be ringfenced for CB use.
Competition	Competition prizes of bird and bug boxes.	Claire Lucas - Quainton Windmill Society	November	To provide costings and timescale for providing 50 bird and 50 bug boxes. Rough budget £1000.

Meeting notes

Partner roles

It was identified that there was an overlap between the work of Chiltern Rangers and that of BBOWT. For the purposes of this project, it would be easier to define the role of Chiltern Rangers to provide projects within the community working with community groups and parishes and for BBOWT to focus around putting together an information pack. Should the Community response exceed the capacity of Chiltern Rangers then BBOWT could assist.

Wildlife pack

Parish Councils and schools could apply for a quantity of the packs which residents could collect from them.

The packs would consider of an A4 colourful factsheet with ideas on how to encourage wildlife and promote green spaces as well give a step-by-step guide to tackle a simple project. BBOWT Marketing Team to pool together some existing resources and provide costs for putting together the pack. Costs would enable the concept to be replicated across other interested Community Boards.

- Residents – would be geared towards families and making a difference in any space however small.
- Parishes - could take part if they had land or grass verges, they wanted to attract wildlife.
- Community Groups – to initiate local projects within the community.
- The ReLEAF Project could also include an item on suitable small trees to plant

Funding

Paul Irwin advised that AVDC had given some funds to Heart of Bucks for their Green Futures fund to work with Chiltern Rangers on projects in the Vale. This project ceased due to Covid. Paul has established that £18,500 is left in that fund, which the Community Board could use to fund Chiltern Rangers providing workshops out in the community. BC to ringfence funding for CB project. Chiltern Rangers costs were £360 per day plus VAT.

Parish Councils would be asked to contribute towards funding to enable Chiltern Rangers to work with more partners.

Parishes and Schools could apply for either of the following Heart of Bucks Funds to contribute funding to a project. If any Working Group members knew of organisations that might benefit from this to let Chiltern Rangers know.

- *Green Schools Fund open to all schools in Aylesbury Vale area – Funding up to 1,500. Deadline 9th December 2020*
- *Green Community Fund – up to £2,500. Deadline 9th December 2020*

Email: Grants@heartofbucks.org

The Green Futures programme is designed to provide an environmental legacy for the community. The funding programmes provide grants and loans for non-profit making organisations in Bucks. These are:

The ethos behind them is to improve sustainability and reduce our carbon footprint. To fund small community projects.

More information can be found at <https://heartofbucks.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>

It was noted that green initiatives can include education such around behavioural changes such as littering.

Chiltern Rangers could assist supporting an organisation to complete an application for tree planting.

Competition

A competition would be held with categories for residents, parishes, schools and community groups.

Paul requested Quainton Windmill cost out the provision of 100 bird and bug boxes (50 of each) which could be given as prizes. He would be ideally looking at a budget of around £1000.

Before and after photos would be requested to demonstrate the difference made.

Family Information Service – would support the project and promote through their centres.

Timescale

- The Working Group would look to launch the project in January 2021.

- Competition prizes of bird and bug boxes to be ready by March-April 2020.

ReLEAF Project Releaf@zeroch.org

Kirstan Shaw gave a presentation on the Haddenham ReLEAF Project – an initiative by [Zero-Carbon Haddenham](#) to double tree cover in the Haddenham Parish by 2030.

She explained that trees absorb and store carbon and reduce the effects of wind damage. The project, as well as planting trees, carried out surveys and developed processes to help with planting including the development of associated risk assessments and securing public Liability Insurance. Tree planting was piloted on different types of land and now the project has requested more PC owned land to plant additional trees as well as supporting a local farmer to plant trees. They identified a gap in understanding the practicalities of tree planting and how to go about it so have been working with BC Highways Team to set up a Tree Planting Task and Finish Group to develop and disseminate appropriate guidance to support community tree planting projects across Bucks. Maintenance of trees is down to the landowner. If wanting to plant trees on the Highway a group must first apply to BC for a licence which costs £100 and involves conducting a survey above and below ground to determine any hazards and what species of tree would be most suitable for that location.

[Date of next meeting](#)

Date – Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 5.30 pm

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Waste management and Reduction (try to secure Ed Barlow, Head of Energy and Resources at BC)