



# LITTLE CHALFONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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In this issue, we are pleased to lead on the progress of Amersham Community Board, part of the community board structure throughout the county. On page 3, there is a report from the chairman, Cllr Mark Dormer, which looks back over the last 12 months and below is a brief report of the Board's meeting held on 15 July, expanding on the priorities for our board area through to 31 March 2022.

## AMERSHAM COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

15 July 2021

This virtual meeting was very well attended, including not only the Buckinghamshire councillors, but representatives from parish councils and local voluntary/community groups from the four communities within the board area (Amersham, Chesham Bois, Little Chalfont and Coleshill), together with representatives of many other service providers and charities offering wider support. In all, 43 people attended the meeting, reflecting the key aim of drawing everyone together to deliver improvements.

Supported by all those present, the four priority areas listed by Cllr Mark Dormer in his report, were agreed and they are set out below. In each case, they have been designed to have a wide remit:

- **Environment and Climate Change**  
(Including green issues, green spaces, sustainability and zero carbon targets)
- **Economic Recovery**  
(Including village and town centres, business recovery in the 'new normal' and helping those adversely affected by the pandemic.)

- **Health and Wellbeing**  
(Including elimination of isolation, improved fitness, help for schoolchildren who have had a tough time during the pandemic, and becoming Dementia Friendly communities.)

- **Transport**  
(Including highway safety improvements and reduction of speeding)

There are to be Action Groups for each of the priorities (successors to the Working Groups) and action plans are to be drawn up following their first meetings. These have been arranged for:

<b>4 August</b>	<b>Environment and Climate Change</b>
<b>11 August</b>	<b>Economic Recovery</b>
<b>18 August</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Transport</b>

Each meeting will be virtual and is scheduled to start at 6pm.

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**STOP  
PRESS!!**

### **Cytiva front car park**

**Available again from Monday 2nd August**

The works at the Amersham Place offices have taken longer than it was anticipated but Cytiva are pleased to be able to make it available again for 7 days a week from **Monday 2 August**.

The former arrangements will continue to apply i.e. 8.00am to 6.00pm with a maximum stay of 2 hours.

The company will also be commencing a gradual programme to bring staff and associates back to partial working at the office and, although it is hoped that the car park may still be available for the community to use until well into September, the situation will be reviewed regularly and by October, we may be back to just weekend availability.

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### Action Groups - Taking part

If you have a keen interest or strong views on what should be addressed first in any of the Action Plans, please do not hold back but get involved by emailing your interest to: [Amersham@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Amersham@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk) copied in to [chairman@littlechalfont.org.uk](mailto:chairman@littlechalfont.org.uk) so that you can link in with any local Little Chalfont initiatives that are being planned.

### Board Newsletter

A newsletter from the Board is about to be published and this will expand further on the above-mentioned information. If you would like to regularly receive these

newsletters, please ask for your name to be added to the distribution group, again using:

[Amersham@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Amersham@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

but in a separate email.

### Project Funding

If you are a group, club or voluntary organisation that is planning a project within the priorities, you will find even more extensive information on the Board's funding page at: <https://tinyurl.com/tfe7jsw> but you should first discuss your project with the Board's Coordinator, Lizzie Wright. (Tel: 01296 382376).

The Community Association may also be able to help and can be contacted on [secretary@littlechalfont.org.uk](mailto:secretary@littlechalfont.org.uk).



Amersham Place is one of the main business hubs for Cytiva, a global Life Sciences company that has played an active role in the fight against

COVID-19. Cytiva's response to the pandemic began early because they have manufacturing operations in China. The first priority was the safety of associates, the second was to ensure they could continue to supply products to customers.

Emmanuel Ligner, President & CEO, Cytiva, says: "We are proud of our heritage and the time we have spent doing business from Amersham Place. We've been here through many stages of growth, as the first private life sciences company in the 1980s, then as Amersham BioSciences, GE Healthcare, and now as Cytiva. During the COVID-19 pandemic, our purpose as a company became even clearer – advancing and accelerating therapeutics for the good of patients everywhere. We were able to rapidly respond to customers' needs for instruments, services, process advice and more, while also ensuring the welfare and safety of over 7,000 associates globally. For the 350 employees that work at Amersham Place, the majority have been home-based during the pandemic, but over the last six months we have introduced a return-to-office procedure and continue to follow all UK COVID-19 protocols."

Throughout the pandemic, Cytiva has seen an extraordinary demand from researchers around the world, looking for support with vaccines, as well as those developing lateral flow and molecular assays to detect the virus and antibodies. They also have customers working hard to develop cocktails of molecular antibody therapies to treat COVID-19.

"We are proud to play a role in developing and manufacturing the vaccines, diagnostic tests and therapies that will ultimately help us through the pandemic," summarises Emmanuel.



GE Healthcare

Supporting the local  
community and  
patients

The pandemic continues to affect us all – on a global, national and local level. During this time GE Healthcare has focused on supporting the local community and delivering for patients.

We've done this in a number of ways, including through donations. We provided Personal Protective Equipment (surgical gloves and microfibre clean room garments) to Stoke Mandeville Hospital and, also, donated £3,000 to local schools, to help provide devices to pupils who could not access them at home.

Our staff were at the front end in aiding the NHS in diagnosing, treating and caring for patients. As a result of COVID-19 driven demand, we quadrupled production of ventilators. Our heartfelt thanks to employees and retirees who volunteered on factory lines to make this possible. We also supplied mobile and ready-to-use CT scanners and other equipment to the NHS, providing extra capacity to aid in the diagnosis, and management, of patients with suspected or known COVID-19 infection. Alongside equipment, our staff provided valuable expertise, a team of 50 staff supported the NHS by delivering almost 800 ultrasounds.

Ensuring our pharmaceutical products continued to get to patients at the right time continued to be a priority. Many of our products have short timeframes from production to use and the pandemic presented additional manufacturing and logistical challenges. We chartered planes and looked at alternative travel routes to ensure our healthcare consumable products got to patients, and the healthcare professionals treating them, on time. Going forward, keeping everyone safe, the local community, staff, suppliers, partners, remains a priority. As restrictions ease we envisage that staff will be coming back to our offices with COVID-19 secure measures in place.

## Amersham Community Board Report

### One year on - Community Boards

How's the first year of Community Boards been? Created to bring communities and Buckinghamshire Council together to improve outcomes for residents and tackle local issues, they play an important role in ensuring that the council understands the needs of communities by providing local insight and feedback.

Despite launching in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the boards have proven their value in their first year, building great connections to support local people and businesses in response to Coronavirus. Buckinghamshire has shown impressive community spirit, demonstrating what we can achieve when we all work together.

Alongside this the boards have funded local groups, projects and initiatives -

from youth projects to healthy eating initiatives, to improving green spaces, community facilities and play areas and encouraging wildlife.

### The year ahead:

The first anniversary is a chance for everyone involved to reflect on what's worked well and how we develop for the year ahead. This year we'll focus on areas including supporting economic recovery and improving the environment at a local level, working with communities and partners to identify priorities to address these and other issues. Health and Wellbeing will continue to be a theme too and we will also focus on encouraging local people, organisations and businesses to get involved.

### Amersham Community Board

Everyone is welcome. If you're interested in your local Community Board or want to sign up for updates about what's happening in your area, get in touch with

your local team – details below.

Chair: Cllr Mark Dormer  
Coordinator: Lizzie Wright

Email:

[amersham@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:amersham@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/2ne5b5ax> or

Facebook: @AmershamCB.

*"Community Boards are a fantastic way for local people to make changes and improvements to local life at a grassroots level. By hearing the thoughts, concerns and ideas from people who actually live in the area your local Community Board can make a real difference to day-to-day life. I would encourage everyone to submit ideas, come along, or join online and participate so we can make our community an even better place to live and bring up our families."*

Chair Cllr Mark Dormer

(Editor's note: See front page for details of this year's priorities and other information, following the Board's meeting on 15 July 2021.)

## Community Association News

### A History of Little Chalfont by Ivor White

#### Thank you to the family

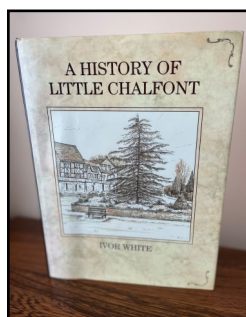
On behalf of the Community Association, I am pleased to record our very grateful thanks to the family of the late Ivor and Deidre White, for presenting an unknown supply of their father's book. They were discovered when the family's home in Beechwood Avenue was recently cleared.

With the family's agreement, a special offer to attract new members for the Community Association has been put together (see below right)....

*Roger Funk, Chairman*

### A History of Little Chalfont

This book was researched and written by Ivor White. It was published by the Little Chalfont Rural Preservation Society (a predecessor organisation to the Community Association) and sponsored by many of its members and other residents.



**It is both an excellent and easy read – full of many interesting facts about our past. A valuable addition to any resident's library.**

### SPECIAL OFFER FOR NEW MEMBERS

**£45** For 5+ years to 31 December 2026 and  
A copy of A History of Little Chalfont

To apply: Visit  
[www.littlechalfont.org.uk/specialoffer](http://www.littlechalfont.org.uk/specialoffer)  
to download a special application form  
or

Collect printed special application  
form from Cube Tax Accountants in  
village centre (next to The  
Metropolitan pub).

(Offer will be available to 30 September 2021 or until  
allocated stock runs out)

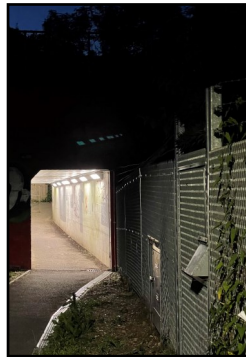


The Little Chalfont Community Improvement Plan (CIP) represents the views and aspirations of the community. All the current projects are joint initiatives between the Community Association and the Parish Council.



### Underpass lighting – Beel Close to Marigold Walk

**Project completed!** At long last, the lighting is installed and operating on automatic light sensors. The aim has always been to create a safer passage through the underpass in the hours of darkness and we trust this will give many more people the confidence to use it.



### Litter

The parish council, with five new councillors is beginning to find its feet and will be reviewing its aspiration for regular litter picks in the village in the coming months. It will be looking for two or three residents to help with the organisation.



### Little Chalfont Good Neighbours

Although the team will continue with its main objective of promoting the expansion of our Neighbourhood Watch or even less formal networks, it has agreed to take on the role, on behalf of the community association and parish council, of assisting the aim of Little Chalfont becoming a Dementia Friendly Village. In the article below, Helen Tyers who heads up Good Neighbours, extends an invitation to an 'in person' meeting arranged for 13th September 2021.

In the meantime, the team continues to supply occasional covid-19 assistance to residents and, as advised in the parish council's Spring newsletter, will continue to offer this help into the autumn and, if necessary, beyond.



### Nature Friendly Village

A picture is worth a thousand words!



*The wild flower patches on the corner of Stoney Lane/Amersham Road*



**Encouraging Visitors** There are no developments to report at this time but we expect progress by the time the next newsletter is published.

**You will find the CIP on the website at:**

[http://www.littlechalfont.org.uk/community\\_plan.html](http://www.littlechalfont.org.uk/community_plan.html)

## Help us create a Dementia Friendly Village

On behalf of Little Chalfont Good Neighbours, we would like to invite all those who have an interest in this subject - be it carers, family, those with memory loss or young adult grandchildren concerned about their grandparents, to a 'real' meeting (not on Zoom). Subject only to any covid restrictions, **the Village Hall has been booked for Monday 13 September 2021, commencing at 7.30pm.** The aim is to assist in the creation of a Dementia Friends Alliance for Little Chalfont village.

Dementia currently affects over 850,000 in UK and by 2050 that number could be 2 million. Dementia does not just affect memory loss but day-to-day living. It is an umbrella term for cognitive impairment. There are some 7000 identified as having dementia in Buckinghamshire at the present time.

Good Neighbours aims to assist in the development of a Dementia Friends Alliance until it can operate independently. The Alzheimer's Society is offering support in the form of guidance, backed up by training and other sessions for both carers/family and businesses. Until fully developed, the Alliance

can operate under the Little Chalfont Community Association umbrella, which will also be able to help arrange any start-up funding requirements.

At this initial meeting we shall have a speaker who will clarify potential issues and actions for us and we also aim to have medical professionals joining us, who would become part of the Alliance. We should like to hear your experience of coping with the condition; how you think such an alliance can help those concerned and whether you would be prepared to join and help form such a group.

We would like to know numbers of those interested, so please ring me on 01494 762395 if you would like to attend and I will confirm details of the meeting nearer the time.

*Helen Tyers*

*Little Chalfont Good Neighbours*

(Part of the Little Chalfont Community Association and supported by the Little Chalfont Parish Council)

[goodneighbours@littlechalfont.org.uk](mailto:goodneighbours@littlechalfont.org.uk)



# Nature Park News

## Special meadow cutting programme is succeeding

Our meadow cutting programme is designed to control the grasses and encourage more wildflowers. This summer we have counted 60 of the common spotted orchid – the most seen in the last 10 years. Also spreading are the oxeye daisy and the yellow rattle.



Picture: Liz Densley

## Taking advantage of our very own conservation project

As you may know from earlier reports, our grass and wildflower meadow is very rare and in the UK, 98% of such grasslands have been lost since the second world war. Conserving the meadow is a priority but sharing it with our community and other visitors, particularly using it as a learning resource will always be accommodated. Below are reports from two groups, the first of which is organised by our schools liaison officer, Laura Silverstone.

### Nature Club toddlers

This group meets every Tuesday morning in the nature park, in term time. Every week we have a different theme - so far the group has studied birds, worms, spring blossom, colours of nature, bees and more! The group is invited to explore the area with spotter sheets and scavenger hunts. On warmer days the children can use pots and sweep nets to

look for insects. The children also take part in an art and craft activity such as decorating a pot, making binoculars, painting and sticking. The group finishes with a story and nature themed nursery rhymes.



With parents' permission

The group's aims are to inspire young children to take care of the nature and wildlife on their doorstep and give parents and carers the confidence and knowledge to explore the subjects further.

Quotes from the children:

*"I like looking under the logs for bugs" (Buddy, age 2.5yrs)*

*"I like finding bees and I like finding buttercups" (Arya age 2.5yrs)*

To book:

<https://bookwhen.com/natureclub>

email:

[natureclub@silverstone.it](mailto:natureclub@silverstone.it)

### Bucks Adult Learning

A group from Bucks Adult Learning visited the park in June. They were the ALDD (Adults with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities) as part of their 'All around the World' class, which aims to explore the world, its people and the environment in which we live.

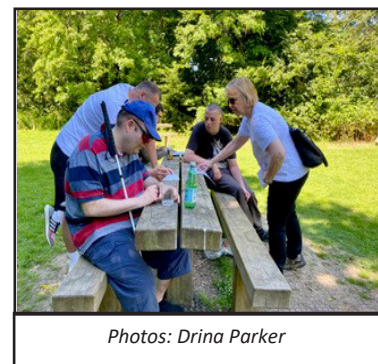
The visit to the park introduced this half term's theme of 'Natural Wonders on

Earth'. The class is taken by Corrina Davies and supported by Gillian Lynn.

Asked about his visit, one of the participants, Richard, said "My favourite sculpture is the group of owls 'hiding' in the bark of a tree. I find this fascinating to feel the faces and the bodies of the three owls with my hands as I cannot see them with my eyes as I am blind."



Overheard during the visit were the words 'tranquil' 'colourful' and 'a little gem' and all the students expressed a wish to return. Several said they couldn't wait to show their nieces and nephews.



Photos: Drina Parker

## How to book a group visit

To book a group visit to the nature park, please go to the Learning Zone on our website and before your visit, read our Code of Practice on page 8 of the self-guided tour in the Visit Us section.

<http://naturepark.littlechalfont.org.uk/>

## The Great Little Chalfont Refugee Welcome

We are a group of community members who are preparing to welcome a refugee family to Little Chalfont (or nearby) through the Government's Community Sponsorship scheme.

We haven't yet been allocated a family, but this will happen in the coming months and we hope that the family will arrive early next year. The UN and the Government select the family and arrange their travel to the UK. Most families are from Syria, and they are carefully vetted and resettled to the UK for specific reasons, usually because they cannot live safely in Syria or Syria's neighbouring countries.

We are making good progress but would welcome ideas and volunteers in a few areas:

- We need to find a **house** for the family, so if you're a

landlord or letting agent, or know of properties that might be available, we'd love to hear from you.

- We'll likely need **Arabic speakers** (assuming it will be a Syrian family) willing to help with translation and interpreting before and after the family's arrival.
- While we have sufficient core funds to proceed, we still have some **fundraising** to do, to cover all the essentials that the family will need when they arrive, so we'd love to hear from anyone interested in helping out with this.

Beyond these specific areas there may well be other skills and ideas that we need too, depending on the particular needs and interests of the family we're allocated. So if you're just keen to be involved more generally, please do get in touch and we'll keep you updated. Similarly if you have questions about the project, please do reach out to co-ordinator Laura Kyrke-Smith on [laurakyrkesmith@gmail.com](mailto:laurakyrkesmith@gmail.com) or 07478 273830.

## News from our Parish Council

### Chairman steps down after 14 years

Brian Drew was a founding member of the Little Chalfont Parish Council in 2007. During his term of office he was chairman from December 2009 until May 2016 and from December 2019 to his retirement in May 2021. His total of eight years as chairman is a record for Little Chalfont. During his tenure he has been responsible for many improvements in the village, among them the creation of a new children's playground and multi-use games area in Westwood Park, establishment of a remembrance memorial stone on the village green and, most recently, securing lighting and CCTV for the Beel Close underpass after a campaign lasting 10 years.

To mark his departure after such long service, the parish council held a small farewell party for Brian and four other councillors who also stepped down at the May 2021 elections after many years of service.

Our picture shows Brian (on left) being presented with a commemorative plaque, marking his years in the parish council, by the current chairman, Cllr Mike Crowe.



Presentations were also made to two other long-standing parish councillors for their service to the council. These were Michael Parker, who was chairman of the planning committee for many years and who was also active in improving parking rules in Little Chalfont. The other was David Rafferty, vice chairman of the planning committee, who has been a Little Chalfont Parish Councillor since 2011. Previously he served on Amersham Town Council before joining the Little Chalfont Parish Council on its formation.

Also attending the presentation were Martin Tett, leader of Buckinghamshire Council and Roger Funk, chairman of the LCCA.



Our group photo shows from left to right: Gill Roberts, former parish council chairman; Cllr Janet Walford OBE; retiring councillors Michael Parker, Ian Griffiths, David Rafferty, David Alexander, Brian Drew; Roger Funk, chairman of the LCCA; Cllr Vinny Patel; Cllr Mike Crowe; Cllr Chris Ingham CMG; Martin Tett, leader of Buckinghamshire Council.

Details of the new parish council members, who joined us at the May 2021 elections, can be found on our website [littlechalfont-pc.gov.uk](http://littlechalfont-pc.gov.uk). Parish council meetings are once again being held in the village hall; members of the public are always welcome to attend, subject to any covid restrictions that may be in force at the time. Details of future meeting dates can also be found on the website.

### Village hall

As mentioned in the last parish council newsletter, architects have been commissioned to carry out a feasibility study to examine the possibility of including the library in a community building to replace the existing dilapidated village hall. It is expected that this will be completed within the next couple of months. More news will appear in the council's autumn newsletter.

## Little Chalfont Primary School'

### Community edible garden construction day!

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, between 10.30am-3pm we held a construction day building the new edible garden at Little Chalfont Primary School. As part of the day, families, members of our community and local business (Reddit) volunteers helped with the first phase of this exciting project.



The volunteers spent the day building raised beds, transporting tons of soil and compost, building compost bins, weatherproofing the wood, building pathways and installing a watering system.

As you can see from the photos the volunteers did a fantastic job transforming an unused area of the school ground into an allotment-style growing area which we hope the children will be able to grow and harvest for many years to come. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day. Thank you also to all the donations received (plants, seeds, tools etc) that we've received from our community members.

*Rob Hacking,  
Head Teacher*





# Community News and Information

## Community Library

Classic books don't have to be old and dusty! If you fancy reading or re-reading a classic novel, then come along and visit our recently revamped **Classics section**. There are lots of brand new books from traditional authors such as Dickens and Hardy and a few modern classics too –



Chinua Achebe, Iris Murdoch and John Steinbeck. If anyone has any suggestions

for a favourite book that we may have forgotten please let us know.

The past year has been hard for many and we've been donated a fantastic collection of **self-help books** as part of The Reading Agency's project to combat loneliness and support mental health and wellbeing. We have books suitable for younger readers as well as adults.

The photos show just a few of the different titles available for you to borrow. There's a whole range of issues covered on subjects such as stress, anxiety, mood swings, bereavement, CBT, depression and lots more.

## Children's story time

Our regular Thursday morning slot is back from the 24th June! Please bring your

toddlers along to hear their favourite stories from 10.30 to 11am. There is no charge!



We are gradually getting back to our normal opening hours but please check the library website or Facebook page for the current position:

[www.littlechalfontlibrary.org.uk](http://www.littlechalfontlibrary.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/LCCCommunityLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/LCCCommunityLibrary)



## 1<sup>st</sup> Amersham Common Scout Group, Little Chalfont: Scouting in the Outdoors



Following the third, countrywide lockdown in January, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were allowed to start meeting up again face2face from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. This was particularly significant for Beavers who also celebrated the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of joining the Scout movement that day. We therefore had lots of fun meeting as one large group before the Easter holidays, after another term of zoom meetings.

Following the Easter Holidays, we have been lucky with the weather and have had all our meetings outdoors, in various locations. The Beavers had fun building spaghetti and marshmallow towers in Westwood Park; doing road safety and map reading in Coleshill Common; having a walk round Little Chalfont; exploring the woods in the Little Chalfont Nature Park; and have even been back to our Scout hut for the first time in 15

months. Although we didn't actually go in; we left our "paw-prints" on the hut (which the Cubs and Scouts will be doing as well) and toasted marshmallows.



We've also now been able to go to PACCAR scout camp, where we had crate-stacking fun and first aid for a poorly teddy. So much fun, we're going again in a few weeks' time!



The Cubs have also been having a great time with similar activities, including map reading and hiking in Dell Woods; den building in Westwood Park; crate-stacking at PACCAR; and doing a bit of string art with wood slices and nails for Father's Day.

We've also been pleased to be able to restart our Scout section, having recently been joined by a new Scout Master, Steve Cooper. We've only met a few times so far and have adventurous activities planned for the rest of this term, including building a bridge over a bit of river - albeit, obviously not a permanent one!



During this term we have also got a brand new sign for our hut, making it much more visible from the road.

Despite the need for zoom calls in the spring, we've been impressed with the resilience of the children and it's great to

see how our small group is growing and to see the children's enthusiasm every week.

This has been particularly evident in the work the Beavers have done towards a new badge, for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. We see this as a critical service and the Beavers have learnt first aid; helped with fundraising by making penny helicopter pictures; and had a competition to design a poster to promote the service. The winning entry will go up on the village notice board, so please do have a look and support them.



If you would be interested in finding out more about our group or joining one of our sections, Scouts, Cubs or Beavers; or joining our team of friendly leaders to support the children, please contact Victoria Golby on 07770 782 922 or at [victoriagolby@live.co.uk](mailto:victoriagolby@live.co.uk).

Alternatively, you can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/1stAmershamCommonScouting> or  
<https://www.1stamershamcommonscouting.com/>



The Scout Hut

## Community News and Information

### W.I.

The WI is all about Inspiring Women and one of our main aims is education.

The pandemic has been a horrendous time for many people, physically, mentally and emotionally. At our W.I. we have all been supporting each other on all levels and I believe we are coming out of the other end stronger and closer than we were before and gained many new members.

We have had our monthly meetings as usual but on Zoom; this has enabled us to have speakers from all around the country which has been such a positive. We had a home economist Sian Fox from Peterborough, Helen Dale from Tranzcare speaking from Solihull, Magazine editor Sarah Drew Jones from the west country, Professor Jane Monkton Smith - Homicide Psychologist talking about domestic abuse came from Gloucester, Annalie Talent talked all things Beatrix Potter spoke from Hampshire and Lindsey Barrell a Burlesque Dancer from Essex. Our speakers for the next six months are local but we have made the decision to stay on Zoom until September and then all being well, we can meet again in the Village Hall. For a full list of speakers and events please head to the website.

Our members have been meeting in person to train for 'Walking Netball' in Westwood Park, where we had a lap around the park via the woods to see the bluebells which was lovely.



always looking its best for the village residents to enjoy. On the 5<sup>th</sup> July, it is National NHS Day—keep an eye on the Triangle as the Gardening Group are making a special tribute to say thank you and it will incorporate some of the bunting that was made last year.

The Craft Club and Patchwork Group have been very busy: the patchwork club have been making a patchwork block every month and when they have made twelve they will sew them together to make a small blanket. There are beginners and very skilled sewers joining in and it is always a bit chaotic but we all get finished in the end with a lot of laughter. They have also delivered another fantastic Story Sack to St Georges School, this time



We are having monthly outdoor coffee mornings at The Metropolitan and the Gardening Group have been very busy making sure the Village Triangle is

it was Little Red Riding Hood.

The fortnightly quiz nights are still going strong and we have now done 28! Who thought we would be locked up for that long! But it keeps us connected and some of the questions are so ridiculous you have to giggle, we have a first, a second and then everyone else comes joint third!

We have had several 'reuse, recycle, reduce' talks on Zoom which have been very enlightening and I have put a section on our website as we collect stamps, cans, milk bottle tops and crisp packets and then there are lots of places that take other things for recycling including mascara wands to help clean small animals at a rescue centre! Many of the members contributed towards making a campaign banner which incorporates many of the campaigns that the W.I. have supported over the years.



If you would like to see what we are all about please do contact us on [icevewi@gmail.com](mailto:icevewi@gmail.com) or check out our website [www.icevewi.wixsite.com/website](http://www.icevewi.wixsite.com/website) We are still meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30 on Zoom.

Paula Hughes  
President – Little Chalfont Evening WI

### Food donations for Chiltern Foodbank

#### Village Centre – 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

August – No drop-off planned

Saturday 11 September

Saturday 9 October

Saturday 20 November (including Christmas Appeal)

Saturday 27 November (Christmas Appeal)

Saturday 4 December

With grateful thanks from the Chiltern Foodbank to all who have donated this year to date, achieving a superb total of 3.25 tonnes.

### Amersham Community Board

Saturday 11 September – 9am to 1pm

Buckinghamshire councillors from the board will visit Little Chalfont on 11 September to meet residents and representatives of clubs and voluntary organisations. They will be promoting the board, highlighting this years' priorities and all funding opportunities.

Look out for their gazebo on the Village Green

(Editor's note: See page 3 for a message from the Chairman of the board, Cllr Mark Dormer and the front page for more details of the priorities.)

### Creating a Dementia Friendly Alliance

Meeting: Monday 13 September @ 7.30pm in Village Hall

(See page 4 for further details)