



NEWSLETTER

Winter 2026

LITTLE CHALFONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Our 2025 achievements

We all hope you enjoyed Village Day in June last year, celebrating 100 years of the adoption of the name Little Chalfont. We were delighted to be able to organise this and remain very grateful to our Village Day organisers, Neru, Peter, Tony and Sue, who put in many hours of effort to ensure that the day was a success.



Village Day demands a great deal of time and effort, so we are aiming to run this event every 2 years – we will of course be seeking volunteers to assist us, and please do add the date of the next **Village Day Saturday 19th June 2027** to your calendars now!

Whilst Village Day was our main event this year, we have also been busy with all our usual activities.

We have continued to develop our new website, and our latest addition is

a 'planning' page which provides advice on how to comment on planning applications and aims to keep our community informed about applications which we think have an impact on people who live and work in Little Chalfont.

The website is a community asset, with information not only about the Community Association and what we do, but about Little Chalfont and the local area, and amenities and attractions available. We feature local shops and businesses who have joined the Association as members, and we remain keen to hear from any organisations who would like us to include details of their events in our 'What's on' page.

Christmas lights were organised throughout the village, in conjunction with the Parish Council, and we hope that you enjoyed the display this Christmas. We also commissioned the summer and winter hanging baskets, which provided a great splash of colour, and planted and tended the wildflower patches throughout the village.

We produced and delivered our twice yearly newsletters highlighting local news, organisations and people, delivered by a great team of

volunteers.

In addition we continued to support local organisations, the Chiltern food bank collections and the Little Chalfont Nature Park in particular.

The Little Chalfont Park Liaison Group is a joint undertaking with the Little Chalfont Parish Council and was established to enable ongoing dialogue and discussion between the local community and the Hill Group team responsible for the Little Chalfont Park development. We have continued to actively focus on getting the best out of this development for the local community.

We are very grateful to GE Healthcare and especially to Cytiva for their support, and to all local shops and businesses who have joined us as members.

Membership drive

Finally we should like to appeal to all of you to help us spread the word about the valuable work we do for Little Chalfont and help us increase our membership. We currently have around 500 members, which represents around 20% of the village, and we are very keen to increase this figure. Our Christmas membership

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

We welcome all Little Chalfont residents and businesses to join us at our AGM for a brief overview of our activities and plans for 2026, and contribute ideas.

This will be followed by refreshments and then short presentations from Cytiva and Bucks Search and Rescue.

We look forward to talking to you then.

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Community Association update.....continued

drive yielded a small number of new members, but in order that we can continue to undertake our current activities, and most importantly, that we can adequately represent the community of Little Chalfont, we are very keen to increase our membership.

If you are not a member please do join us using the QR code on page 1. £10 per annum per household represents extremely good value, you will be supporting our activities, and most importantly contributing to your local community.

If you are already a member, please spread the word amongst your local friends and neighbours.

Plans for 2026

With Village Day taking a great deal of time last year, we deferred our plans

for our Visit Little Chalfont initiative to 2026. We believe that this will help to increase interest in Little Chalfont and all it has to offer, and hope to undertake this project alongside the Neighbourhood Plan in respect of which we anticipate working with the Parish Council who are leading the

creation of the plan.

Please do let us know if you would like to be included in this initiative, and help 'put Little Chalfont on the map' by emailing:

secretary@littlechalfont.org.uk

Little Chalfont

Christmas lights 2025—2026

We hope you all enjoyed the lights in Little Chalfont this Christmas and agree that the village looked beautiful, welcoming and very festive.

Thanks to Matt and his team from Lamps and Tubes of Chesham, who joined us this year working with the LCCA and the Parish Council to provide the wonderful display along by the shops, on the triangle tree and lampposts and by the village hall.

Thanks also to Cytiva for their continuing support for the village whose

large tree in their front car park looked magnificent as always and to GE Healthcare for their tree outside the Grove Centre on White Lion Road.

The three foot trees above our shops are at least 15 years old and are beginning to show their age. We are contemplating replacing them in the next year or so and would welcome your suggestions for either similar replacements or something different. Please send your suggestions to

secretary@littlechalfont.org.uk

CHRISTMAS 2025 AROUND THE VILLAGE

Christmas lights

Little Chalfont was looking particularly festive again this Christmas with the new tree wrapped lights.



View of Chenies Parade with wrapped trees



GE Healthcare's tree on White Lion Road

WI display on the triangle

Another brilliant display by the WI depicting the twelve days of Christmas.



Cytiva's Christmas tree on Amersham Place

Post box topper by Knit & Knatter

We have some very talented knitters and covering the post boxes is always enjoyed. We have lots of compliments about our work.

We took part in the WI Christmas Fayre and donated our takings to Scanappeal, which is a charity we are pleased to support.





Footbridge installed for new development

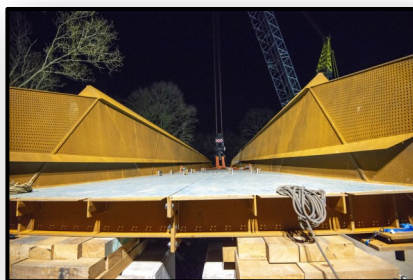
In order to keep local residents informed, Little Chalfont Parish Council is in regular contact with the Hill Group regarding the redevelopment of the site of the old golf course between Burton's Lane and Lodge Lane.

The most recent development is that the planned pedestrian and cycle bridge over the railway line, from Oakington Avenue to Little Chalfont Park, has now been installed. The bridge is a 'weathering steel Warren truss' bridge, so called because it uses corrosion-resistant steel to form a protective, rust-like patina. This means that there is no need to paint the bridge, which in turn means much lower maintenance costs and environmental impact.

The installation of the main section of the bridge took place on 25 December



2025, very early in the morning to try to keep disruption to a minimum for local residents and to allow for the power to the railway line to be shut down, which needed to be restored on Boxing Day.



The picture above shows a section of the bridge over the railway line being put into place and clearly shows the simple diagonal sections which make up the sides of the bridge.

The second picture shows the finished bridge in place over the railway in the early hours of Christmas morning.



As part of the footbridge installation project, the two bungalows at the end of the footbridge, which were purchased by the Hill Group, will be demolished.

Plans for trees and hedges in the space created are ready and have been approved and this landscaping will be put in place in due course.

New parish councillor welcomed

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new parish councillor, pictured, to fill one of the councillor vacancies. He joined the other parish council volunteers with effect from the January 2026 parish council meeting.



Satwinder (Sat) Sandhu moved to Little Chalfont in 2024 from his previous home in Warwick to be nearer his family. He has very much enjoyed living in the village with its many facilities, activities and surrounding countryside. He said that joining the parish council was his "chance to give something back and to make a positive contribution to the village". We look forward to working with him in the future.

Tennis and pickleball courts

Sports fans will be glad to know that the parish council has decided to continue providing the tennis and pickleball courts at Westwood Park free of charge for the foreseeable future. Enjoy!



MEET THE HILL GROUP CONSTRUCTION TEAM

for the Little Chalfont Park site

Wednesday 18th February 2026

4pm – 6pm

Little Chalfont Village Hall

Meet the Little Chalfont Park team, they will be sharing the upcoming construction activity expected on site for the development and will be available to answer questions.

South East Bucks Community Board

Chalfont St Giles and Little Chalfont priorities

The board works with partners to harness local heritage and to highlight natural features such as



Chalk Streams, to promote the villages as vibrant destinations.

Plans are in motion for a wooden information board in Chenies, highlighting the significance of the River Chess—one of only 200 chalk streams in the world! This initiative promotes responsible tourism and supports local businesses.

Nature Park in Winter

Worth a visit

Little Chalfont Nature Park is always worth a visit and on a crisp, bright Sunday morning in winter, there are babies in pushchairs, children, mothers, couples, senior citizens, all enjoying views of ancient woodland, rare grassland and a sensory garden. In a busy urban world, they have come to slow down in a tranquil place, walk in the natural world, perfect for wellbeing and mental health.

There's a fully accessible all-weather path, places to sit, information boards, grassland cut twice a year to promote

wildflowers, rare plants and trees with a bird song accompaniment and, if you are lucky, you might see a red kite or even a deer.



The Park's Management Group stay busy keeping the park in shape – litter

bins to empty, working parties to keep the natural feel, dead branches removed, benches maintained, paths kept clear.

Planning ahead in the quieter winter months, the park should be easy to find for those who don't already know it and, for those who do, to know what's going on month by month. So the website is being refreshed, new signage installed and, we hope, a direction sign will soon be installed in Cokes Lane.

Want to help maintain our little gem in the Chilterns? If you are interested in joining one of our working and litter parties please contact Peter Besley, Chair of the Management Group on 07812 147476 or peterbsl@btinternet.com

The Metropolitan

Under new ownership



The team behind The Kokum Restaurant — local owners and proud members of our community, are delighted to run The Metropolitan in the heart of Little Chalfont.

Their vision is simple: to restore the pub as the village's welcoming meeting place - friendly, familiar, and truly local. After listening to community feedback, The Metropolitan now offers longer opening hours, starting with lovely breakfast and coffee, followed by relaxed lunches and delicious dinners, all

served with sumptuous food and drinks.

Guests can enjoy al fresco dining on the outdoor terrace, a cosy coffee corner, and inviting spaces designed for lingering conversations.

The team look forward to welcoming you very soon.

Breakfast: 8:00 am to 11:30 am

Lunch & Dinner: 12:30 to 11:00 pm

phone: 01494 899352

email :

bookings@themetropolitanpub.co.uk

More Christmas cheer

Carols on the Green

Carols on the Green was held on a bright but chilly Saturday 13th December, supported as usual by the excellent young musicians from Amersham Music, conducted by David Batsman.



Cytiva upgrades its roof at Amersham Place

Big changes are happening at Amersham Place!

Cytiva, a global leader in life sciences, is investing in sustainability and giving its building a fresh new look.

The project includes installing **400 solar panels**, which will provide around **40% of the site's electricity** needs. That means cutting **30 tons of CO₂ emissions**

every year—the same as planting over **1,300 trees annually**.

Before we could start, we had to clear the old, inverted roof, which was covered in gravel, and even lift out the air conditioning units with a crane. It was a big job, but it's all part of creating a cleaner, greener future for our



community.

The building is also getting a modern grey finish to replace the old blue cladding, helping it blend better with the neighbourhood.

Michael Tripé, Facilities and EHS Manager at Amersham Place, says: "Cytiva is committed to sustainability and creating a workplace that benefits both our employees and the local community. These updates are an important step toward that goal."

The work is expected to be complete by 28th February.

Restore Hope

The Little Chalfont Community Association, supported by the Parish Council, is committed to building a community where residents are caring towards each other and their neighbours. We focus here on Restore Hope, the charity founded some 20 years ago by Catherine and Gary Grant with the aim of transforming lives and communities. Restore Hope received the Kings Award for Voluntary Service last year.

We met with Nate Sence, who joined as Chief Executive in 2022, and Caroline Sence, Fundraising Director, who joined a year later.

Please tell us what inspired you to join Restore Hope?

Restore Hope had operated from Latimer Park in many ways 'under the radar' until the pandemic put the need for the provision of food locally into the spotlight – and also provided a volunteering outlet for local people who were keen to lend their support. This was an opportunity to share the vision of the charity - things were really happening here.



Could you explain the concept of Restore Hope?

'Hope' is measurable and tangible – anyone can lose hope at any time, and you know when you've lost hope. We aim to help to restore that hope – for all our beneficiaries and for our volunteers. The pandemic has changed how we engage with our community, before covid there was less openness about hardship.

Tell us about who makes Restore Hope work?

We have 22 staff and around 200 volunteers. Our volunteers fulfil many roles: the maintenance team, who have volunteered weekly for over 20 years to

keep the estate running, our cake baking volunteers who ensure there is always cake on hand to accompany the chats we have with our users, volunteers who provide support to mums who may be struggling, volunteers who help grow produce that we distribute to local families in food poverty, volunteers who pack and deliver food parcels, admin volunteers.



There is also a Duke of Edinburgh programme. We have short period volunteers, and some who stay with us for years. Some of our volunteers started as users and went on to volunteer with us. There is a great sense of community and camaraderie amongst our volunteers – they give and receive back. We love our volunteers!

How are people helped by Restore Hope?

We do have referral partners, schools, social services, GPs, churches, police, but often a referral is via word of mouth. We aim to target people and families in need of help, they may be single mums, they may have children with disabilities, mental health issues, debt issues, often because of issues such as worklessness, isolation, family breakdown or educational failure.

Many people come to us initially for help with food, and we find they have other issues which we can support.



In addition to our crisis food programme, we offer specialist courses and one to one support for families in crisis, run school projects, deliver parenting programmes, kids and early years projects, and our community garden.

We follow an evaluation framework, and put together a bespoke action plan for people, which may include courses, clubs etc. When people decide to walk with us in moving out of poverty that is where the restoring of hope starts – we are here for the long term, because we know the process of restoring hope is cyclical – two steps forward, one step back, and we're here to help people back on their feet when things get hard. We are a Christian charity but we welcome people of all faiths and of no faith. Anyone can benefit from Restore Hope.

What are your future plans and projects?

We want to remain a local charity, supporting people in Amersham, Chesham, Little Chalfont and surrounding villages. Our new hub in Amersham will extend our reach and make us more accessible and visible. Our presence in Latimer will remain – we are hoping that the Amersham hub will enable us to enhance what we do in Latimer.



Please tell us about the new hub in Amersham?

We purchased the former St John's Methodist Church to develop into a community hub and phase 1 of the development is starting. We hope to start using the hub in the summer, and fundraising for future development continues.

How can local people support you?

We will need more volunteers, and we are always pleased to receive donations. Please take a look at our newly launched website www.restorehopecharity.org.

We are keen for people locally to see and understand what we do – our gates are open and we invite you to get in touch on info@restorehopelatimer.org

Thank you Caroline and Nate.



Autumn 2025 Scouting

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been busy in the autumn, with all sections having several activity sessions at PACCAR scout camp (zip lines, crate stacking, caving and rifle shooting) and torchlit night hikes.

The Beavers have also been exploring the outdoors, including junk modelling boats to race down the stream in Amersham, a quiz night, and finished



with creating tripods and having a 'snowball' challenge. A couple of the

Beavers also had a fun weekend sleeping over at the National Space Centre with others from the district.

The Cubs have been looking at space, crafting and going on a night hike; as well as playing lots of games, working on their own DIY projects and a number of

badges.

Scouts have started the term doing orienteering and building tripods to climb on, before taking part in a District competition to build a bridge over the River Chess, which they won this year. They've also competed in a District hiking competition, looked at autumn celebrations and played various games including bucket jousting and hungry hippos.



We had good representation for the Remembrance Sunday flag parade, along with the Brownies and Guides, with a Memorial Service on the Village Green. And a couple of weeks later we filled the Methodist Church for our joint Carol

Service. The collection at the end being for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.



We are needing more volunteers to join our team, to enable us to take on more Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We are also looking for volunteers to help start a Squirrel Drey (for 4-6 year olds).

If you would be interested in helping us with any of the sections, please contact Victoria Golby on **07770 782 922** or at victoriagolby@live.co.uk.

Alternatively, you can find us at:

[1st Amersham Common | Facebook](#) or <http://1ac-scouts.weebly.com/>



Little Chalfont Tennis Club is a small, friendly club tucked away in Pavillion Way behind Elizabeth Avenue in Little Chalfont.

We have 6 well-maintained outdoor courts (2 with flood-lights) a practice wall and a modern clubhouse.



Our Ladies Club Supper Dec 2025 (with special guest!)

We have lots of social events including: American Tournaments, Club Dinners, Wimbledon and Family events, and Open Days where you can come and try out the facilities.



Our Head Coach Colin Williams and his team take Adult and Junior sessions for all standards. email: cwtennis12@gmail.com <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ColinWilliamsTennis>



We welcome new members... or come and try a taster session...

email: vinod.danny@gmail.com or littlechalfont.tennis.club@gmail.com for details or check us out at www.littlechalfonttennisclub.co.uk

Little Chalfont Area Dementia Support Still thriving

Café 22 continues to thrive, offering valuable support to people living with dementia and their carers.

Recently, we have enjoyed musical performances from choirs and bands to complement our regular games, craft and exercise sessions and guest speakers covering a range of informative topics.



We are really looking forward to celebrating our 4th anniversary in February.

If anyone feels they, or a loved one, could benefit from our support as a dementia charity, please contact us on:

lcdementiahelp@gmail.com or tel: 07747 842341

Where

St Georges Church, White Lion Road, Little Chalfont, HP7 9LW

When

Thursday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon

Contact

<https://www.lcdementiahelp.co.uk>
Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556625325048>

Or search on Facebook for **Little Chalfont Dementia**

NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Challymas Cheer Sweeps Through Challoner's High

The annual 2 week 'Challymas' Christmas celebrations have once again brought festive magic to Dr Challoner's High School, combining festive fun and cheerful charity to brighten up the end of a long term of study.

Challymas events were organised by the 15 strong Head Girl team to raise money for the 6 House Charities chosen

by the students.

Events included 'Reindeer Games' where all students competed

in inflatable challenges in the Sports Hall; 'Christmas Entertainment', a show of Nativity! the movie songs and dance routines performed by the whole of year 13 for the rest of the school, and a Christmas Market, where stall holders from across the school sold homemade

crafts, cakes and treats.

Other highlights included form room and bauble decorating, a delivery of krispy kremes, Christmas debating, and a teacher Santa dash in full festive costumes.

Challymas wasn't just fun and games—it was a true celebration of school spirit, and we're really proud of the girls for raising over £1500 for good causes.

A Wonderful Year at Chalfont Valley

What a busy and wonderful year 2025 has been for **Chalfont Valley E-ACT Primary Academy**. Our pupils have been working incredibly hard, celebrating their achievements, and—most importantly—having fun while learning every step of the way.

This academic year has been a joy to witness as our school community has continued to grow. We have been delighted to welcome many new pupils and families into the Chalfont Valley family, and it has been lovely to see friendships flourish across the school.

One of the highlights of the year was our Christmas Fayre, where it was truly heart-warming to see so many members of the wider community come together to celebrate with us. Thanks to the generosity and support of families,



friends, and local residents, we raised over **£2,000** through our Christmas events and activities—an incredible achievement that will directly benefit our pupils.

We are extremely proud of our children, staff, and families for making Chalfont Valley such a positive, inclusive, and vibrant place to be.



Thank you to the Little Chalfont community for your continued support—we look forward to many more shared moments and successes in the year ahead.

Mark Sykes, Headteacher

LITTLE CHALFONT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

What do we offer?

Weekly Community Café

(FREE and open to all)

Pop in for a chat, coffee and cake

Wednesday 3:00-4:30pm

- Computer room
- Photocopying
- Daily newspaper
- Magazines

100 +
JIGSAWS
TO
BORROW



Storytime and Duplo Club

Storytime 10:30-11:00am
Duplo Session 11:00-12:00

Free activities for toddlers
ALL ON A THURSDAY

Scrabble Club

Thursday 2:00 - 4:00pm

Come along and play
scrabble in a relaxed
atmosphere

OVER 9.000
BOOKS TO
CHOOSE
FROM



FILM SHOWINGS

WE HAVE MATINEES AND EVENING FILM SHOWS.

VISIT THE LIBRARY FOR MORE DETAILS OR JOIN OUR MAILING
LIST at littlechalfontlibrary.org.uk

*FILMS FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026:- See back page of this
newsletter for films being screened with dates and times*

Knit and Knatter
Monday
10:30-12:30



Little Chalfont Evening WI

Inspiring women

Little Chalfont Evening W.I. has been busy again this summer and autumn.

In July, many members enjoyed a day trip to Brighton to visit the Royal Pavilion followed by some having traditional 'Fish and Chips', Ice Cream or a paddle in the sea. We were joined on this trip by members of Chalfont Common W.I.

In August, we held our President's lunch at Chenies Manor. This included a tour of the house and access to the Garden on a lovely summer day. A variety of other social events centred around food and beverage have also taken place!

In October, a group joined Chalfont St Giles W.I. on a visit to the 'Energy from Waste' recycling plant at Greatmoor near Aylesbury. It was a fascinating visit with plenty of discussion throughout. A further visit is planned later this year.

Our varied programme for monthly meetings has continued including a talk and demonstration about 'Lowland Rescue Dogs'. This small but growing team of volunteers and their dogs work in areas such as Bucks, ie not in mountainous or coastal areas. Our volunteer member was quickly found by the dog!

For Downton Abbey fans there was a detailed insight to the areas of Buckinghamshire which have been used for filming the series. Obviously not everything is as it seems but the speaker had an encyclopaedic knowledge to guide us!

On November 22nd we held our annual Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall. This included stalls, children's activities and refreshments throughout the morning. There was an excellent attendance from babies upwards and a very friendly atmosphere which set the scene for the run up to Christmas. We would like to



A Partridge in a pear Tree

thank all those who attended and contributed to the success of this event.

We have donated a bench to the Nature Park and it will soon be

completed and installed by the specialist, who has been contracted by the Nature Park Management Group.

Our regular commitment to the village continues including cakes and refreshments at the monthly Farmers Market for stall holders and customers alike, The Red Kite Craft Market is inside the Hall on market days, as is the LCEWI Craft stall. Support is always appreciated for the Market.

In November we provided Refreshments in the Hall following the Remembrance Day Wreath Laying event on the Village Green, supported by the Parish Council.

Our gardening group superbly run by Gill Roberts and a band of key helpers have kept the memorial triangle looking stunning throughout the year as well providing topical and seasonal displays. The autumn was particularly busy with

displays for Black History Month, Remembrance Day and Christmas. The 12 Days of Christmas display was a 'tongue in cheek' interpretation and survived the wet weather remarkably well. A Swan is the county emblem of Buckinghamshire but our 'Swan-a-swimming' disappeared on New Year's Eve and has not been seen since.



Nine ladies dancing

Several other sub groups continue to thrive including the book club, coffee morning and the quiz group. The walking netball group meets fortnightly on a Friday morning in Westwood Park, or in St George's Scout Hall if wet.

We continue to promote 'Reduce, Re-use, Re-cycle' principles wherever we can including on our craft Stall materials, our Triangle displays and through collection of cans, stamps, coins etc.

We thank you for supporting us and would love to welcome any new members. If you would like to see what we are all about, please do contact us by phoning:

Diana on 07747 042264 or
Karen on 07711 771387.

Diana Chatterton

Little Chalfont Evening WI

Little Chalfont Community Library

Regular film screenings

Three screenings of recent releases every month:

Four Letters of Love:

16th February at 14.30, then 17th and 23rd February at 19.30

A Big Bold Beautiful Journey:

2nd March at 14.30, then 3rd and 4th March at 19.30

One Battle After Another:

16th April at 14.30, then 17th and 30th April at 19.30

Free but donations welcomed.

Future food bank collections

14th March

11th April

9th May

13th June

11th July

No collection in August

9 – 12 noon

Chenies Parade or

Cytiva car park

Your donations are really appreciated.

PLEASE STAY SAFE

We have recently noticed an increase in reckless driving habits and near misses in Little Chalfont.

Pedestrians – Look out for one another. Be alert to your surroundings. Don't just focus on your phone. Wear visible clothing in the dark.

Drivers – Be alert. Indicate your intentions. Don't speed recklessly across pavements or crossings. Don't park in a way that causes other drivers to swerve into danger.

If you are frustrated by delays – Remember accidents delay longer than good practice.

STAY SAFE STAY SAFE