



# BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk: Mr. P. Hodson

Wednesday, 09 June 2021

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Environment Working Group** of Buckingham Town Council which will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7pm online via Zoom.

Residents are very welcome to ask questions or speak to Councillors about any matter relevant to the meeting at the start of the meeting in the usual way. Please email [committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk) or call 01280 816426 for the password to take part.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpJAOEIdSlfcZC9Q/>

## AGENDA

### 1. Election of Chair

To elect a Chair for 2021-22

### 2. Election of Vice Chair

To elect a Vice Chair for 2021-22

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive and accept apologies from members.

### 4. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

### 5. Minutes

To receive and agree the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on [Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021](#) and received at Full Council on the 17th May 2021

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Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't.

All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk send you a copy of any minutes, reports or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

**6. Action Report**

To receive the report and note the updated information.

[Appendix A](#)

**7. Budgets**

To receive the latest figures

[Appendix B](#)

**8. Motion – Cllr. Harvey**

With regards to people, especially women, feeling safe in our parks and green spaces: to discuss the current provision of street lighting and decide whether to explore putting in extra illumination.

**9. Draft Community Flood Plan**

To receive and note the draft Community Flood Plan

[Appendix C](#)

**10. Bucks Health Trust**

To receive and note a response from Greg Smith MP

[Appendix D](#)

**11. Buckinghamshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Pilot**

To receive an update on the pilot and note that the office will follow up with any future developments.

[Appendix E](#)

**12. Holocaust Memorial Stone**

To receive and discuss a verbal report from the Estates Manager

**13. Climate Emergency Action Plan**

To receive and discuss an updated version of the Climate Emergency Action Plan and note any highlighted updates.

[Appendix F](#)

**14. Repair Café**

To receive and discuss a written report from the Estates Manager

[E/10/21](#)

**15. Recycling provision for Council premises**

To receive and discuss a written report from the Estates Manager

[E/11/21](#)

**16. Park Furniture**

To receive and discuss a verbal report from the Estates Manager

**17. #QuickLitterPick**

To receive and discuss a written report from the Estates Administrator

[E/12/21](#)

**18. Hydroelectric power**

To receive and discuss a written report from the Estates Administrator

[E/13/21](#)

**19. Community Right To Buy**

To agree for the Council to submit a request for Buckingham Athletic Club to be registered as an asset of community interest for a further five years

[Appendix G](#)

**20. Greenspaces Compliments & Complaints Log**

To receive the 6-monthly updated log

[Appendix H](#)

**21. Access Awareness**

To review any access issues relevant to the Working Group's remit.

**22. Buckingham Community Wildlife Project (BCWP)**

To receive any updates from representatives of the BCWP

**23. News Releases**

**24. Chair's Announcements**

**25. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**26. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**Exclusion of Public and Press**

**RECOMMENDED** In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

**27. Tingewick Road Green Spaces Update**

To receive and discuss a verbal report from the Town Clerk

**Committee Members**

Cllr. R. Ahmed  
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley Town Mayor  
Cllr. J. Harvey  
Cllr. S. Hetherington  
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue  
Cllr. A. Osibogun

Cllr. A. Ralph  
Cllr. A. Schaefer  
Cllr. R. Stuchbury  
Cllr. W. Whyte  
Cllr. R. Willett

No.	Committee	Minute No.	Action	Action Required	Action Owner	Update	Deadline
1	Environment	92/15; 904/15;640/16 ; 309.4/17- 463; 206/18; 126/19	Sports Pitch Provision	Historical correspondence and agreements to be reviewed by the Town Clerk.	Town Clerk	Town Clerk to update Environment Committee once he has met with all parties	Jul-21
2	Environment	451/18; 739/18; 280/19; 426/19; 895/19; 127/20; 889/20; 1073/20	Healthcare Public Meeting	Buckingham Town Council organise a public meeting to discuss residents' concerns and invite the Swan Practice and other interested parties to attend. (889/20) It was AGREED there was merit in investigating any developments in the plans for the new Healthcare Centre at Lace Hill.	Town Clerk	Not progressed during Covid restrictions and vaccinations	Jun-21
3	Environment	884/18	Compliments and Complaints Log	Members <b>AGREED</b> the report be brought back to Environment Committee in six months time in the same format.	Committee Clerk	To be reviewed again in June 2021	Agenda
4	Environment	886/18	Litter bin	Members received and discussed a resident's request to fund a new litter bin and dog waste bin along Tingewick Road. Councillors discussed and <b>AGREED</b> to fund a new litter bin and that the Town Clerk respond accordingly. Members further <b>AGREED</b> to delegate the exact size and location of the new bin to the Estates Manager.	Estates Manager	.We have agreement for our Greenspaces Team to install the new litter bin (fixed to an existing pole outside the launderette) on the Tingewick Road and this job should be programmed in over the next couple of weeks. We are hoping to hear back from the Street scene department over the next few days with agreement on the installation of the new dog waste bin – to be located on the exit from Railway Walk.	On-going
5	Environment	303/19	News Releases	Members AGREED the following News Releases: Town Centre Audit and resulting (minor) highway repairs and Renovation of Buckingham's Milestone Markers.	Town Clerk	Milestone Markers to be issued once work is completed.	On-going

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7	Environment	900/19	Wireless Charging	Town Clerk agreed to report back to a future meeting of Environment Committee.	Town Clerk	The following area has been identified: - Buckingham On-Street: o Chandos / Station Road  Char.gy will be in touch with us soon to finalise a date for survey, then we will look at the results with the relevant people and hopefully establish which 2 areas we will be able to go ahead with for this pilot	On-going
8	Environment	314/20;1078/20	New Cemetery	investigate and recommend to Full Council the immediate purchase of the allotment and cemetery land from money held with the Council's general reserve. Members AGREED to proceed with the tender process as described in the report provided, for the first phase of the planning and design of the new cemetery to create initial designs and to start initial site investigations required to create the new cemetery. Members AGREED that earmarked reserve budget (901/9002) is used to fund the first phase of the design and that the tenders are taken to the Resources Committee to be agreed.	Town Clerk	Full Council Min 1160/20 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue and unanimously AGREED that the Town Council proceed with the immediate purchase of the allotment and cemetery land outlined from money held with the Council's general reserve for a total cost of £87,000. The Council's solicitor has been instructed accordingly.	Ongoing
9	Environment	319/20	Lace Hill Doors	<b>AGREED</b> for a report regarding an additional external fire exit door is brought back to the next committee meeting.	Estates Manager	Estates Manager awaiting designs.	Jul-21
10	Environment	328/20	Water Bottle Refill Station	Investigate funding options for an additional water bottle refill station in Buckingham	Estates Administrator	To be considered with the regeneration of the Skate Park	Ongoing
12	Environment	771/20	Tingewick Road Greenspaces	Members <b>AGREED</b> for the Town Council to take on the green spaces and play areas, provided that Barratts agree a suitable initial payment, and that the development of the green spaces are completed satisfactorily, in line with the agreed plans.	Town Clerk	Full Council (15th March) agreed the recommendation and included scope for the Foundry Drive play area. Now awaiting the outcome of negotiations with Barratts.	Ongoing

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13	Environment	897/20	Clarence Park Ramp	To receive a report on the action taken by Taylor Wimpy to resolve the footpath's access issue	Town Clerk	Our Communications Clerk has been chasing Taylor Wimpey on a regular basis and on the 25th May we received the following reply: The specialist consultant has finally been to the development (we struggled to get them to do a site visit due to Covid) and they are now drafting their proposal to resolve the access issues. Due to the nature of the issue and the area to be worked on they have not been able to confirm a timescale for their proposal.	Ongoing
14	Environment	892/20	Hydro Electric Turbines	<i>this Council investigates the potential of a feasibility study at appropriate sites in the Town and reports back to this committee.</i>	Town Clerk	Several companies have been approached; awaiting feedback and options	Agenda
15	Environment	891/20; 1068.1/20	Emergency Flood Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Council investigates the feasibility and costs for obtaining removable flood defence barriers for the Cornwall's Meadows toilets and Shopmobility unit.</li> <li>• The items listed are ordered from the Environment Agency to add to the Council's flood kit.</li> <li>• The Council agrees that an emergency response will be made where staff are available, but cannot be guaranteed.</li> <li>• The flood information described is published on the Council's website.</li> </ul>	Town Clerk	Flood kit replacement has been mostly received now.	Agenda
16		898/20; 1069/20; 1186/20	Climate Emergency		Committee Clerk	To be reviewed at each meeting.	Agenda
17	Environment	893/20	Land Grabs	Office to issue a press release, social media campaign and newsletter article on the issues surrounding flying tipping green waste, extending land boundaries and adding gates into garden fences that adjoin public land.	Communications Clerk		Article to be include in the Summer newsletter

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18	Environment	894/20	Footpaths and Rights of Way	In light of the fact the government is insisting that all footpath and rights-of-way are registered and recorded before 2026, I propose that the Town Council issue a press release highlighting the deadline, and ask interested parties to review the definitive public rights of way map held by Buckinghamshire Council to identify any rights of way, within the parish and of Buckingham and Stowe Landscape Gardens, that are not currently recorded. It seems logical to seek the partnership of the Buckingham Society and any other community groups who wish to take part.	Town Clerk/Communications Clerk	Work with Buckingham Society is underway	Jul-21
20		1067/20	Surface Water	As a matter of urgency the Town Council will, with the assistance of Mr Cavender, prepare costs and a full proposal to be placed before the Buckingham and Villages Community Board or Buckinghamshire Council	Town Clerk	Meeting held with Mr Cavender, and a letter of support sent to Buckinghamshire Council, requesting the scheme be considered as part of the County' flooding review.	Ongoing
21		1073/20	Holocaust Memorial Stone	The Town Clerk said initial plans were to use one of the large blocks of sandstone from the Brackley Road cemetery and to add a plaque with the standard Holocaust memorial emblem and wording, as used in similar structures across the country. Members unanimously AGREED to progress with the plans to obtain a memorial stone and install this in a suitable location in Bourton Park.	Estates Manager	Suitable stones have been located within the Brackley Road cemetery. Work is ongoing to source an appropriate design (following national guidance) and a local stonemason.	Jul-21
22		1186/20	Circular Walk	for the office to review all existing footpaths and their intersections to see if it would aid an increase in their usage by publicising them.			Jul-21
23		1184/20	Flood Projects	Members AGREED for the Town Clerk to write to Greg Smith MP asking that Buckingham be considered as one of the communities to pilot the installation of specialised property flood resilience measures and an app for local residents to tackle the threat of groundwater in Buckinghamshire.			Jul-21
24		1195/20	Streetlights	Members AGREED for a report on the defective streetlights on the Moreton Road from Highways.	Town Clerk	Report made to Fix My Street	Completed

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Detailed Income &amp; Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/05/2021

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Committee Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>					
<b>201 ENVIRONMENT</b>					
3995 NI ENVIRONMENT	2,713	15,766	13,053		13,053
3996 PENSION ERS ENVIRONMENT	8,229	45,000	36,771		36,771
4004 WAGES & SALARIES ENVIRONMENT	33,042	197,000	163,958		163,958
4068 COMMUNITY SERVICE	0	6,769	6,769		6,769
4112 ENVIRONMENT EQUIPMENT	968	7,000	6,032	139	5,893
4168 DEFIBRILLATORS	0	500	500		500
ENVIRONMENT :- Indirect Expenditure	44,953	272,035	227,082	139	226,944
Net Expenditure	(44,953)	(272,035)	(227,082)		
<b>202 ROUNDABOUTS</b>					
1051 ROUNDABOUT NO 1 ABBOT FIRE	2,268	2,211	(57)		
1052 ROUNDABOUT NO 2 ELLA	0	1,178	1,178		
1053 ROUNDABOUT NO 3 SEASONS INNS	0	1,934	1,934		
1054 ROUNDABOUT NO 4 R & B	2,530	2,465	(65)		
1056 ROUNDABOUT NO 6 THE VET CENTRE	2,694	2,626	(68)		
1057 ROUNDABOUT NO 7 RING ROAD	1,374	1,339	(35)		
ROUNDABOUTS :- Income	8,866	11,753	2,887		
4108 ROUNDABOUT	0	1,320	1,320		1,320
ROUNDABOUTS :- Indirect Expenditure	0	1,320	1,320	0	1,320
Net Income over Expenditure	8,866	10,433	1,567		
<b>203 MAINTENANCE</b>					
4082 ALLOTMENTS	0	2,030	2,030		2,030
MAINTENANCE :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,030	2,030	0	2,030
Net Expenditure	0	(2,030)	(2,030)		
<b>204 DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES</b>					
1017 DEV SERVS NON CARRIAGEWAY INC	20,381	20,353	(28)		
DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Income	20,381	20,353	(28)		
4124 DEVOLVED NON-CARRIAGEWAY	260	8,500	8,240		8,240
DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Indirect Expenditure	260	8,500	8,240	0	8,240
Net Income over Expenditure	20,121	11,853	(8,268)		

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<u>205 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</u>					
4033 WASTE DISPOSAL	640	1,827	1,187		1,187
4035 MACHINERY	0	2,000	2,000		2,000
4036 FUEL (MOWER)	46	1,035	989		989
4037 SUNDRIES	95	2,518	2,423		2,423
4063 VEHICLE HIRE AND RUNNING COSTS	1,681	13,703	12,022	49	11,973
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>2,462</u>	<u>21,083</u>	<u>18,621</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>18,572</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(2,462)</u>	<u>(21,083)</u>	<u>(18,621)</u>		
<u>248 DEPOT</u>					
4013 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	0	2,000	2,000		2,000
4055 ALARM	0	416	416		416
4225 RATES	4,142	4,263	121		121
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	210	812	602		602
4602 ELECTRICITY	243	1,400	1,157		1,157
4603 WATER	130	750	620		620
DEPOT :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>4,725</u>	<u>9,641</u>	<u>4,916</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,916</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(4,725)</u>	<u>(9,641)</u>	<u>(4,916)</u>		
<u>249 PUBLIC TOILETS</u>					
1085 SHOP MOBILITY INCOME	0	102	102		
PUBLIC TOILETS :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>102</u>		
4602 ELECTRICITY	0	500	500		500
4603 WATER	0	500	500		500
4608 SHOP MOBILITY	0	1,041	1,041		1,041
4612 CONTRACTOR CHARGE	871	10,883	10,012		10,012
4709 MAINTENANCE	0	521	521		521
PUBLIC TOILETS :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>871</u>	<u>13,445</u>	<u>12,574</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,574</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(871)</u>	<u>(13,343)</u>	<u>(12,472)</u>		
<u>250 LACE HILL</u>					
1026 LACE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	4,627	44,376	39,749		
1027 SOLAR INCOME	0	260	260		
LACE HILL :- Income	<u>4,627</u>	<u>44,636</u>	<u>40,009</u>		
4050 LACE HILL PLAYING FIELDS	0	3,500	3,500		3,500
4118 SOLAR PANELS	0	350	350		350
4158 LACE HILL GAS	327	4,060	3,733		3,733

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4159 LACE HILL ELECTRICITY	567	1,989	1,422		1,422
4160 LACE HILL WATER	50	750	700		700
4161 LACE HILL REPAIRS & MAINT	1,070	3,553	2,483	421	2,062
4162 LACE HILL CONTRACTOR CHARGE	406	3,806	3,400		3,400
4163 LACE HILL ALARM	0	521	521		521
4164 LACE HILL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	0	3,628	3,628	1,090	2,538
4225 RATES	9,731	9,998	268		268
LACE HILL :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>12,150</u>	<u>32,155</u>	<u>20,005</u>	<u>1,511</u>	<u>18,494</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(7,523)</u>	<u>12,481</u>	<u>20,004</u>		
<u>251 CHANDOS PARK</u>					
1030 BOWLS INCOME	0	572	572		
1035 TENNIS COURT RENT	0	651	651		
CHANDOS PARK :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>1,223</u>	<u>1,223</u>		
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	95	3,201	3,106		3,106
4602 ELECTRICITY	88	521	433		433
4603 WATER	390	1,300	910		910
CHANDOS PARK :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>572</u>	<u>5,022</u>	<u>4,450</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,450</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(572)</u>	<u>(3,799)</u>	<u>(3,227)</u>		
<u>252 BOURTON PARK</u>					
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	925	6,910	5,986		5,986
BOURTON PARK :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>925</u>	<u>6,910</u>	<u>5,986</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,986</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(925)</u>	<u>(6,910)</u>	<u>(5,986)</u>		
<u>253 CEMETERY</u>					
1041 BURIAL FEES	3,446	18,270	14,824		
CEMETERY :- Income	<u>3,446</u>	<u>18,270</u>	<u>14,824</u>		
4225 RATES	469	406	(63)		(63)
4265 NEW CEM MAINTENANCE	1,511	5,000	3,489	5,280	(1,791)
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	0	4,319	4,319	1,295	3,024
4602 ELECTRICITY	72	457	385		385
4617 MEMORIAL TESTING	0	2,083	2,083		2,083
4619 NEW CEM REPAYMENTS	0	36,680	36,680		36,680
4620 EXPENSES RE BURIAL DUTIES	170	5,000	4,830		4,830
CEMETERY :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>2,223</u>	<u>53,945</u>	<u>51,722</u>	<u>6,575</u>	<u>45,147</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>1,224</u>	<u>(35,675)</u>	<u>(36,899)</u>		

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<u>254 CHANDOS PARK TOILETS</u>					
4612 CONTRACTOR CHARGE	871	10,373	9,502		9,502
4709 MAINTENANCE	3	1,041	1,038		1,038
CHANDOS PARK TOILETS :- Indirect Expenditure	874	11,414	10,540	0	10,540
Net Expenditure	(874)	(11,414)	(10,540)		
<u>255 RAILWAY WALK &amp; CASTLE HILL</u>					
4120 FRIENDS OF GROUPS	0	1,041	1,041		1,041
4709 MAINTENANCE	0	1,000	1,000		1,000
RAILWAY WALK & CASTLE HILL :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,041	2,041	0	2,041
Net Expenditure	0	(2,041)	(2,041)		
<u>256 STORAGE PREMISES</u>					
4066 GRENVILLE GARAGE RENT	100	677	577		577
STORAGE PREMISES :- Indirect Expenditure	100	677	577	0	577
Net Expenditure	(100)	(677)	(577)		
<u>258 CEMETERY LODGE</u>					
1061 CEMETERY LODGE RENTAL INCOME	1,692	10,966	9,275		
CEMETERY LODGE :- Income	1,692	10,966	9,275		
4034 PWLB REPAYMANTS INCL INTEREST	0	4,072	4,072		4,072
4609 CEMETERY LODGE MAINT	0	3,000	3,000		3,000
CEMETERY LODGE :- Indirect Expenditure	0	7,072	7,072	0	7,072
Net Income over Expenditure	1,692	3,894	2,203		
<u>260 CCTV</u>					
4100 CCTV ONGOING COSTS	0	1,667	1,667		1,667
CCTV :- Indirect Expenditure	0	1,667	1,667	0	1,667
Net Expenditure	0	(1,667)	(1,667)		
<u>261 COMMUNITY CENTRE STRUCTURAL RE</u>					
4085 STRUCTURAL REPAIRS	0	2,030	2,030		2,030
4091 CHAMBER WORKS	230	1,015	785		785
COMMUNITY CENTRE STRUCTURAL RE :- Indirect Expenditure	230	3,045	2,815	0	2,815
Net Expenditure	(230)	(3,045)	(2,815)		

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<u>262</u> <u>PARKS GENERAL</u>					
4101 SEATS AND BINS	13	1,041	1,028		1,028
4102 DOG BINS	0	4,350	4,350		4,350
4106 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	594	5,088	4,495		4,495
4122 TREE WORKS	1,230	13,203	11,973		11,973
4270 BRIDGES	0	2,015	2,015	1,000	1,015
4275 PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT FUND	0	1,015	1,015		1,015
4276 TREE WARDENS	0	1,000	1,000		1,000
PARKS GENERAL :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>1,837</u>	<u>27,712</u>	<u>25,875</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>24,875</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(1,837)</u>	<u>(27,712)</u>	<u>(25,875)</u>		
ENVIRONMENT :- Income	39,011	107,303	68,292		
Expenditure	72,179	479,714	407,535	9,273	398,261
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(33,169)</u>				
Grand Totals:- Income	39,011	107,303	68,292		
Expenditure	72,179	479,714	407,535	9,273	398,261
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(33,169)</u>	<u>(372,411)</u>	<u>(339,242)</u>		
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(33,169)</u>				

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<b><u>EARMARKED RESERVES</u></b>					
<b><u>901 EARMARKED RESERVES</u></b>					
9001 YOUTH COUNCIL	0	1,000	1,000		1,000
9002 CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT	0	97,886	97,886		97,886
9004 SOLAR PANEL LACE HILL	0	28,076	28,076		28,076
9006 SPEED WATCH	0	598	598		598
9013 YOUTH PROJECTS	0	3,000	3,000		3,000
9015 CHARTER FAIRS	0	4,136	4,136		4,136
9025 PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT	0	45,121	45,121		45,121
9027 GREEN BUCKINGHAM GROUP	0	226	226		226
9029 CIRCULAR WALK MAINT	0	5,399	5,399		5,399
9030 TOURISM LEAFLETS	0	2,404	2,404		2,404
9033 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRP	0	(2,685)	(2,685)		(2,685)
9035 PARKS DEVELOPMENT	0	1,405	1,405		1,405
9036 ELECTION COSTS	0	5,594	5,594		5,594
9040 PARK RUN	0	89	89		89
9045 ACCESS FOR ALL	0	251	251		251
9048 BUCKINGHAM ACTION GROUP	0	1,283	1,283		1,283
9049 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	0	20,000	20,000		20,000
9050 BRIDGE REPAIRS	0	60,959	60,959	60,959	(0)
9051 OFFICE DEVELOPMENT / FURNITURE	0	12,000	12,000		12,000
9052 DEPOT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	0	15,000	15,000		15,000
9053 AEDs	0	420	420		420
9054 LACE HILL REPAIRS & MAINTENANC	0	25,000	25,000		25,000
9055 RIVER RINSE	0	250	250		250
9057 CEMETERY LODGE REPAIRS	0	10,000	10,000		10,000
9058 BOWLS CLUB PAVILLION REPAIRS	0	8,000	8,000		8,000
9059 MAKING GOOD/BOUNDARY REPAIRS B	0	45,000	45,000		45,000
9060 RIVER WARDENS	0	1,575	1,575		1,575
9061 COVID BOUNCE BACK EVENTS	(1,050)	8,680	9,730		9,730
9062 GRANTS	0	2,100	2,100		2,100
9063 TWINNING	0	2,000	2,000		2,000
9065 PURCHASE CEMETERY & ALLOTMENT	0	87,000	87,000		87,000
<b>EARMARKED RESERVES :- Indirect Expenditure</b>	<b>(1,050)</b>	<b>491,767</b>	<b>492,817</b>	<b>60,959</b>	<b>431,858</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>(491,767)</b>	<b>(492,817)</b>		
<b>EARMARKED RESERVES :- Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>(1,050)</b>	<b>491,767</b>	<b>492,817</b>	<b>60,959</b>	<b>431,858</b>
<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<b>1,050</b>				

## Detailed Income &amp; Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/05/2021

Month No: 2

Committee Report

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
Grand Totals:- Income	0	0	0		
Expenditure	(1,050)	491,767	492,817	60,959	431,858
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>1,050</u>	<u>(491,767)</u>	<u>(492,817)</u>		
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>1,050</u>				

# Buckingham Community Flood Plan



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## Introduction

### Ownership

This document is owned by Buckingham Town Council.

The Buckingham Town Council Community Flood Plan outlines the actions and procedures to be coordinated by Buckingham Town Council (BTC) before, during and after any flooding event.

In the event of a flood, the emergency services have overall command. If residents are informed by the Police, Fire and Rescue Service or any other responding agencies to stop their activity or evacuate the area, they should do as instructed. The actions and procedures defined in this plan are intended to be used as a guide, to coordinate the Buckingham Town Council response to any flooding event.

### Aims

To ensure Buckingham Town Council play a vital part in the multi-agency response and support Buckingham residents by coordinating the community flood response, ensuring residents are informed and supported before, during and after a flooding event.

### Objectives

This plan should achieve the following objectives:

1. To define the roles and responsibilities of all personnel before, during and after a flooding event.
2. To warn and inform the local community and other stakeholders before, during and after a flooding event.
3. To provide support to all town residents, in particular those who are deemed vulnerable, before, during and after a flooding event.
4. To work with Buckinghamshire Council and other agencies, to ensure that Buckingham is represented in the wider multi-agency response to flooding.
5. To work in conjunction with other relevant services. To provide signposting, advice and guidance to all residents and stakeholders in the case of flood events.

## Roles and Responsibilities - Individuals

### Community Flood Coordinator (CFC)

The CFC has overall responsibility for coordinating the local flood response during office hours. This includes:

- Gathering information regarding the flood alert or warning;
- Liaising with the Buckinghamshire Council, Environment Agency and other organisations (being the point of contact) as necessary;
- Participating in the Buckinghamshire Council IMT (if established);
- Contacting and coordinating Flood Volunteers and advise on actions required;
- Establishing a location as a control point (flood warning only);
- Surveying the affected areas and reporting back to Buckinghamshire Council;
- Ensuring that any communication activity to the affected public is coordinated with Buckinghamshire Council Communications Team;
- Providing updates to Town Council Members of the situation;

This role will be undertaken by the Buckingham Town Council Clerk or in their absence the Deputy Town Clerk or Estates Manager in that descending order. Whilst this role is during office hours, officers of the Town Council may undertake the role outside of office hours. In the extreme situation where an officer of Buckingham Town Council cannot fulfil this role, the role will be undertaken by Buckinghamshire Council Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO).

### Community Flood Wardens (CFW)

(This role can be performed by members of BORG if required)

This role is undertaken by members of the community who have volunteered for the role and are not themselves at risk of having their property flooded. They are the primary channel of communication in the event of a community flood response.

- Attending a pre-determined location when notified by the (BTC) Flood Plan (Response) Co-ordinator that they are required to support a flood response;
- Acting in accordance with any instructions provided by the (BTC) Flood Plan (Response) Co-ordinator;
- Deploy to their assigned route and inform the community of the situation and advise them to prepare for flooding;
- If appropriate assist vulnerable residents in putting flood protection measures in place and moving furniture as required but not to the point where this prevents warning other residents on their route;
- Help and advise vulnerable people and/or those requiring assistance and help move them to safety early if required;
- Providing any relevant details and/or information from residents to the (BTC) Flood Plan (Response) Co-ordinator.
- Providing it is safe to do so, surveying the affected areas and reporting back to the (BTC) Flood Plan (Response) Co-ordinator;
- Supporting any recovery activities after the flooding event is over.
- Create photographic/video record and list effected properties.

### **BTC Communications Lead**

A critical part of the response to a flooding event is warning and informing the community providing information, reassurance and guidance to keep them safe. During an emergency the primary role of BTC Communications Officer is to coordinate the release of information to the community with internal and external partners. This may include:

- Liaising with other partner agency's press officers to ensure that the media message is consistent.
- Ensure that timely and consistent community safety messages reach members of the public and other relevant stakeholders in areas of the emergency or major incident, using all available media outlets;
- Communicate with the public all information that can be accurately released without prejudicing the operational response;
- Arrange the dissemination of an extensive and wide-ranging collection of guidance, advice and information bulletins to support and help those affected by the incident.
- Start and maintain a flooding incident log.
- Lead on the co-ordination of information when the response phase is completed and the handover to recovery has been implemented.

### **BTC Staff Telephone Volunteers (STV)**

- Contact residents via the telephone and advise them to prepare for flooding.
- Give suitable advice
- Keep records of addresses where no contact is made
- Record and refer (to the CFC or emergency services as appropriate) any address where the occupant declares themselves vulnerable or requests help.
- Where required

### **BTC Green Spaces Team (GST)**

- Fit flood defences to BTC properties.
- Where safe make visual assessments/photos/video of key locations along the river.
- Assist with deploying sandbags where appropriate.
- Back up the CFW where required.

### **BC Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO)**

- Gathering information to feedback as necessary;
- Liaison with emergency responders on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council;
- Providing the affected community with an initial point of contact with Buckinghamshire Council and Buckingham Town Council;
- Assessing the wider impact of the incident on both the council and the community;
- In the situation where an officer of Buckingham Town Council cannot fulfil this role, the LALO will take on the role of **Community Flood Coordinator (CFC)**

## Roles and Responsibilities - Organisations

### Buckingham Town Council

The role of Buckingham Town Council is to coordinate the community flood response, ensuring residents are informed and supported before, during and after in the event of a flooding incident ensuring that Buckingham Town Council plays a vital part in the multi-agency response.

Please note that the officers of Buckingham Town Council do not provide a 24/7 response capability.

### Buckinghamshire Council

The role of Buckinghamshire Council during a flooding event is to:

- Support the emergency services, Buckingham Town Council and other agencies involved in the immediate response, including:
  - Assistance in the evacuation of the local community;
  - Provision of rest centres, with food and beverages, beds, and welfare services;
  - Clearance of debris and restoration of roadways, provision of engineering services and emergency signing;
  - Structural advice and guidance, and making safe or demolishing dangerous structures;
  - Communicating with the Public;
  - Re-housing of those made homeless, in both the short and long term;
  - Environmental health management;
  - Participate in any multi-agency structures that are established and representing Buckingham Town Council if required;
- Put in place processes to enable the community to recover and return to normality as soon as possible.

### Environment Agency (EA)

The Environment Agency (EA) monitors river levels on main rivers to provide a flood warning service to the public, media and emergency responders. The Environment Agency has a three-level warning system: Flood Alert, Flood Warning, and Severe Flood Warning.

- Flood Alerts are issued for large areas such as an entire river catchment and may include several towns and communities. They usually indicate the initial level of flooding, particularly low-lying land and roads. Flood Warnings are issued for specific areas having an identified flood risk.
- Flood Warnings advise people at risk of flooding to take action to protect their property.
- Severe Flood Warnings indicate a potential danger to life and property and urge people to take immediate action, including possible evacuation.

'Warnings no longer in force' messages will be issued when the risk of further flooding has passed, indicating that floodwaters are receding, and no further flooding is expected.

Warnings can be sent out to individual households in identified flood zones. This is done on an 'opt out' system. Individuals can register to receive flood warnings.

During a flooding incident, the EA

- Prioritise crews to check grilles, culverts etc to maximise flow capacity on vulnerable watercourses.
- Monitor and record flood levels and flows.
- Maintain and operate Environment Agency owned flood defences.
- Provide professional advice as to the likely extent / duration / impact of the flooding.

### **Property Owners**

Responsible for protecting their own property during times of flooding. Local authorities and other agencies may assist depending on resources. Property owners within a flood warning area can receive warnings direct to their home or work through the Environment Agency's Floodline Warning Direct System.

### **Riparian Owners (owner of the land adjacent to a watercourse)**

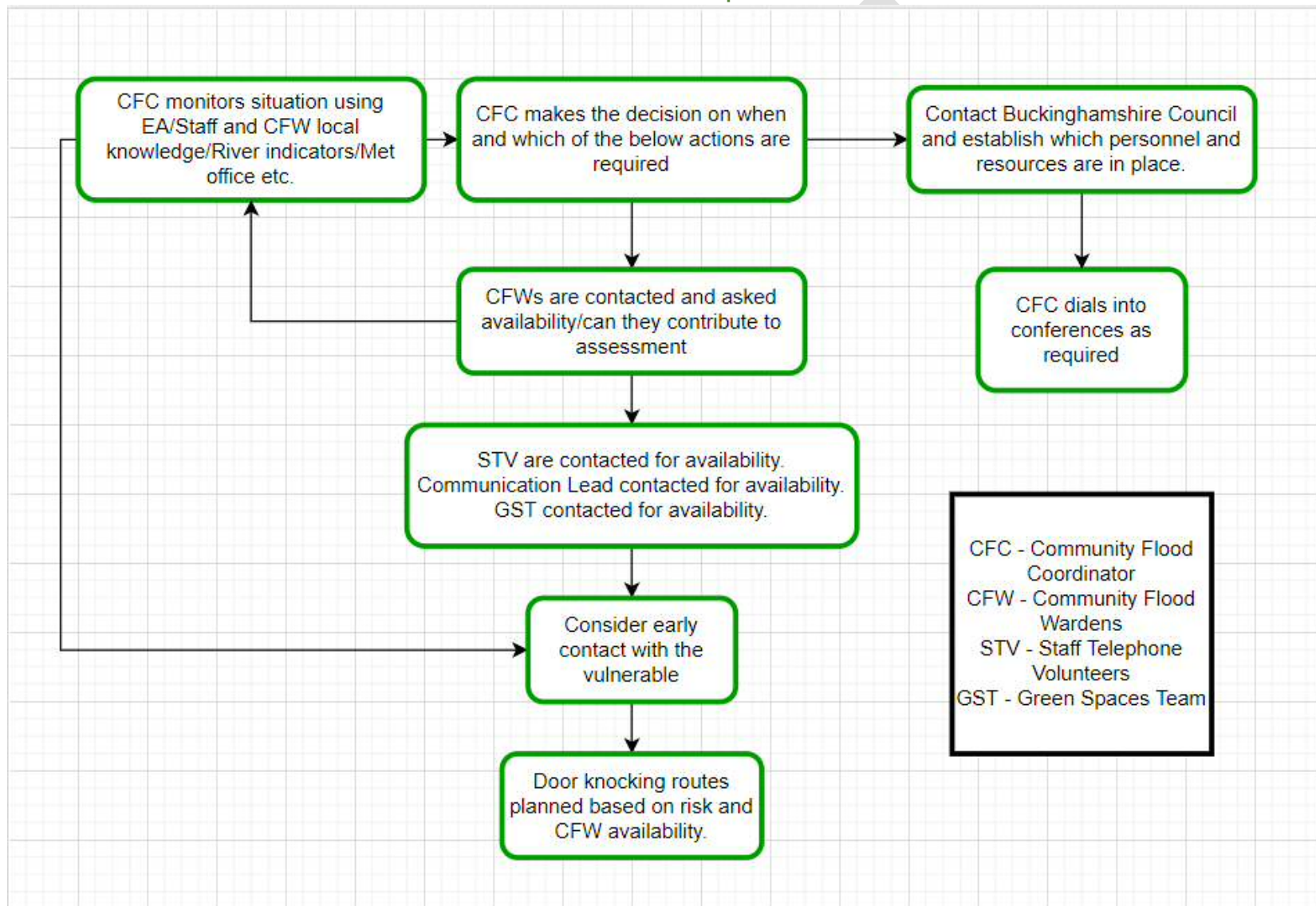
Are responsible for maintaining their section of the watercourse so as to accept flow from the upstream neighbour and pass it on to the downstream neighbour without significant alteration. They are not liable to improve a natural watercourse.

### **Health & Safety**

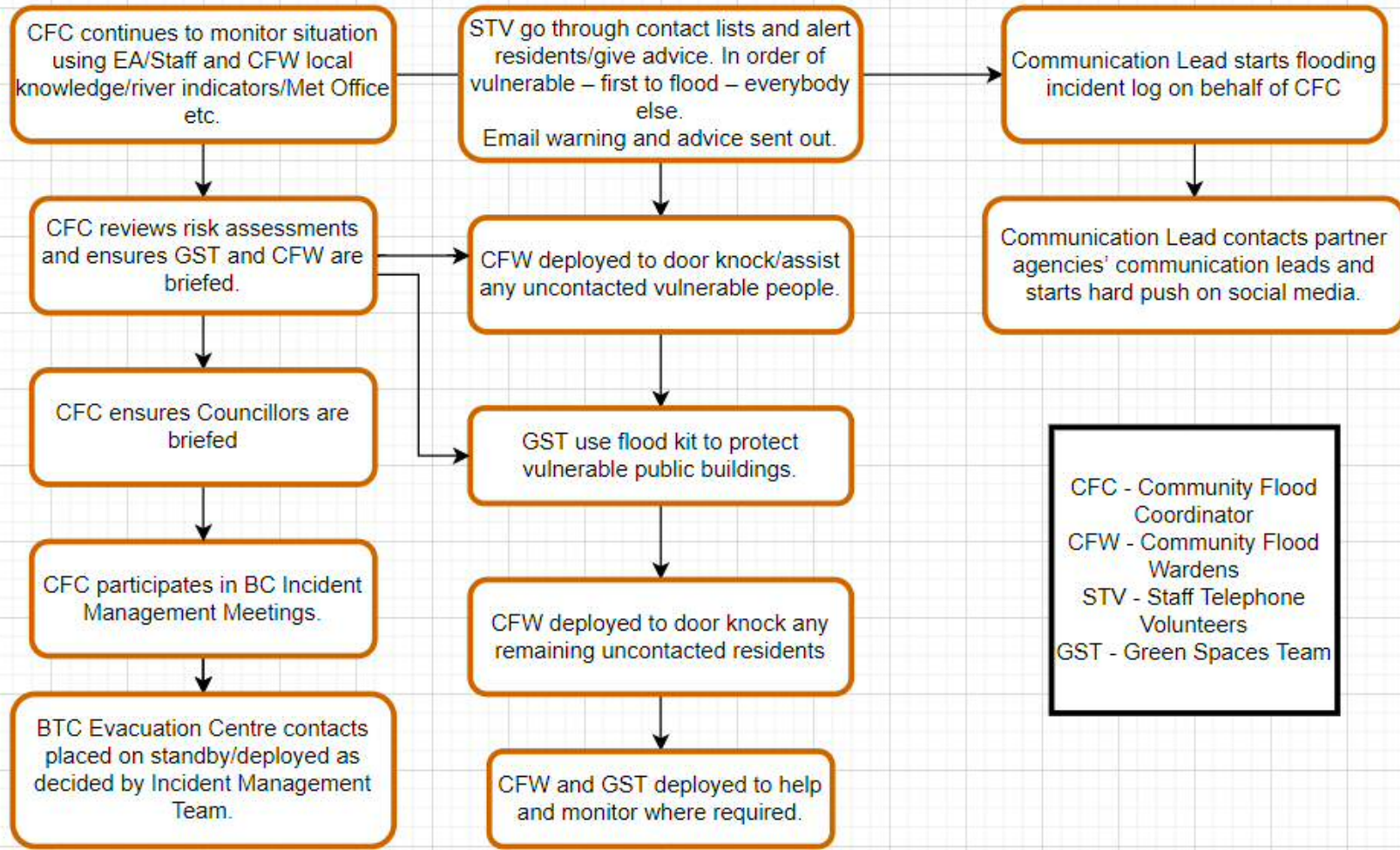
Buckingham Town Council has a duty of care to ensure the health and safety of its employees and volunteers in the event this plan is activated. All employees and volunteers must have read and be familiar with the Buckingham Town Council Health & Safety Policy, the arrangements thereunder and have undertaken training appropriate to their role.

The CFC should ensure that the generic Community Flood Plan Risk Assessment is read and understood prior to deploying any volunteers. A Dynamic Risk Assessment template should be completed by the CFC prior to deployment to ensure that any, additional risks specific to the flooding event have been considered. The CFC must ensure all staff and volunteers are aware of the hazards and control measures in place.

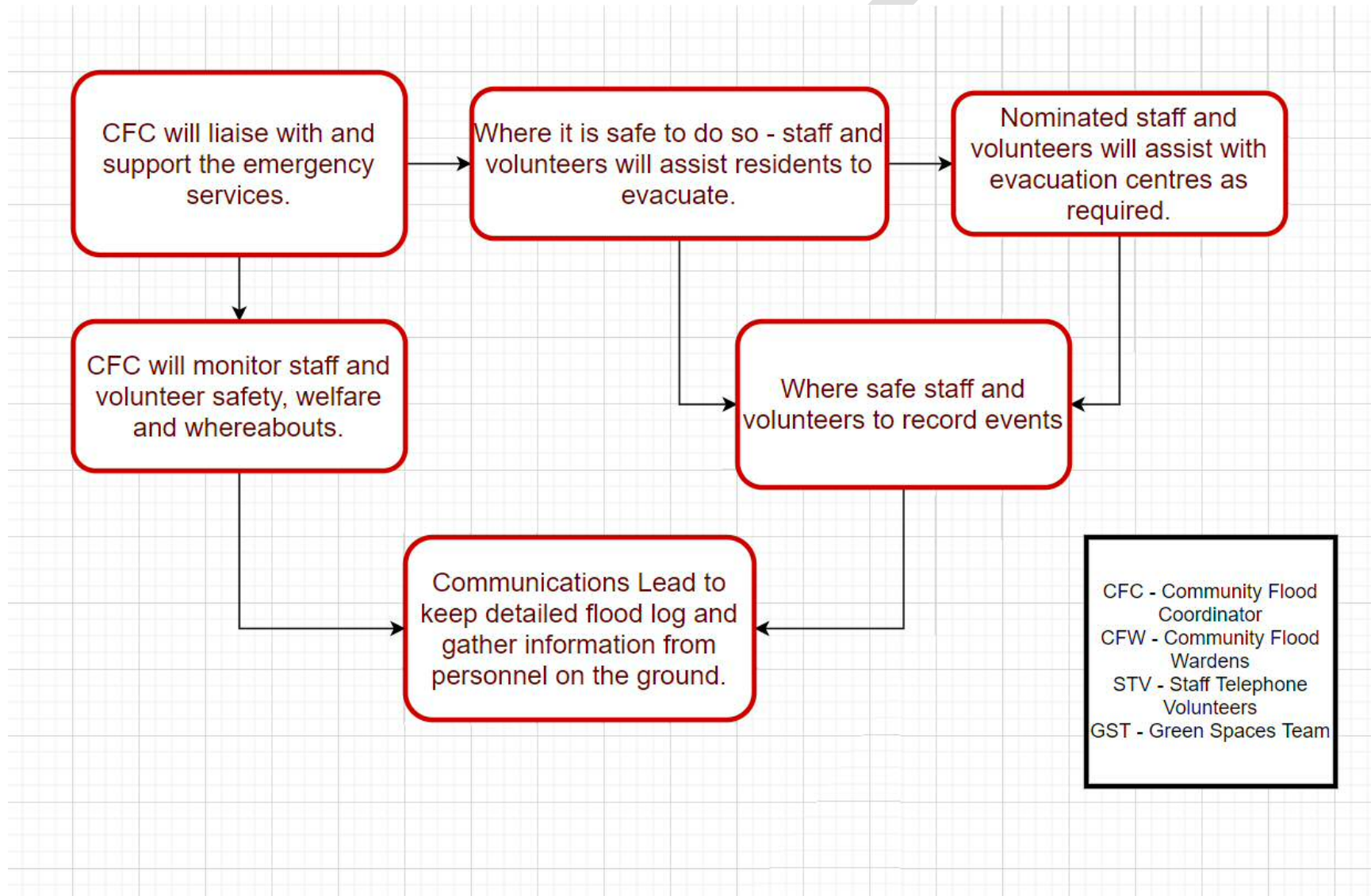
Flood Alert Response.



Flood Warning Response (To be implemented after flood alert actions)

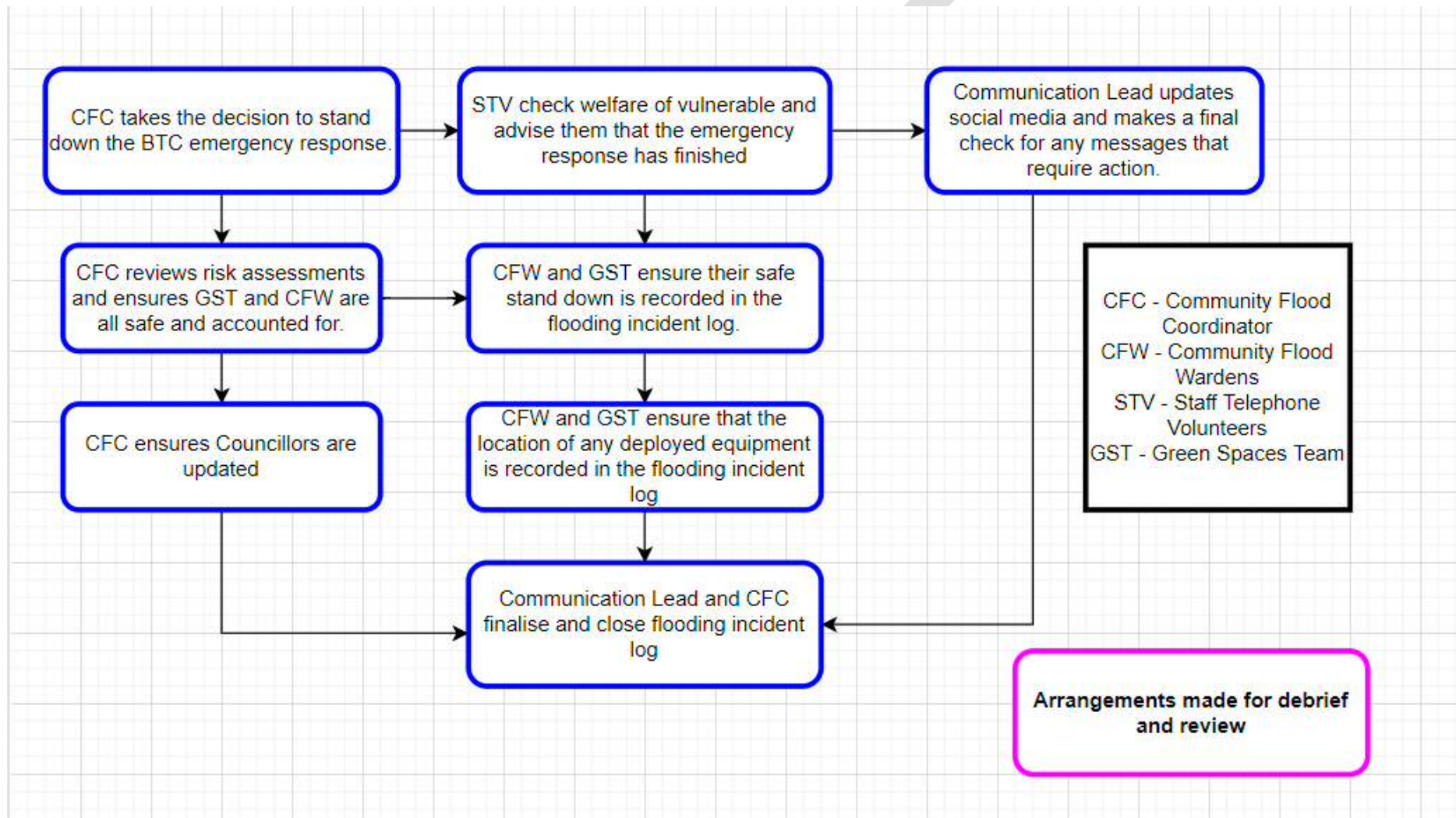


Severe Warning Response (To be implemented after flood warning actions)





### Stand Down Procedure



## **Flood Warden Door-Knock Script.**

Hello,

**I am a Flood Warden from Buckingham Town Council. The Environment Agency has issued an alert/warning/severe warning of flooding in this area.**

**Have you received the alert/warning and do you understand what it means?**

*Use the appropriate flood warning advice on pages 11-13 to explain what it means and how they should prepare.*

**Is anyone in the property vulnerable? If yes take details and make the CFC aware.**

**Do you believe any of your neighbours to be vulnerable? If yes take details and make the CFC aware.**

## **Telephone Volunteer Script**

Hello,

**I am calling from Buckingham Town Council. The Environment Agency has issued an alert/warning/severe warning of flooding in this area.**

**Have you received the alert/warning and do you understand what it means?**

*Use the appropriate flood advice on pages 11-13 to explain what it means and how they should prepare.*

**Is anyone in the property vulnerable? If yes take details and make the CFC aware.**

**Do you believe any of your neighbours to be vulnerable? If yes take details and make the CFC aware.**



## What to do if you get a flood alert

A flood alert means you need to prepare: **flooding is possible.**

If you haven't already done so, you should:

Check your flood risk and sign up for flood warnings - <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk> OR call Floodline on 0345 988 1188.

Keep up to date with the latest situation - check Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or follow @EnvAgency and #floodaware on Twitter for the latest flood updates.

Read the EA's - What to do in a flood - guide at <https://tinyurl.com/crjvf2a3>

Have a bag ready with vital items like insurance documents and medications in case you need to leave your home

Check you know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water mains supplies

Plan how you'll move family and pets to safety.



## What to do if you get a flood warning

A flood warning means you need to act: **flooding is expected**. You should do all the actions for a flood alert but also:

Move vehicles to higher ground if it's safe to do so

Move family and pets to safety

Move important items upstairs or to a safe place in your property, starting with cherished items and valuables, then furniture and furnishings

Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies if it's safe to do so; never touch an electrical switch if you're standing in water

If you have property protection products such as flood barriers, or air brick covers, use them now

Keep track of the latest situation



## What to do if you get a severe flood warning

A severe flood warning means **there is danger to life: you must act now.**

Call 999 if you're in immediate danger

Follow advice from the emergency services and evacuate if you're told to do so

Make sure you have an emergency kit including a torch, spare batteries, mobile phone and charger, warm clothes, important numbers like your home insurance, water, food, first aid kit and any medicines and baby care items you may need

Alert neighbours and offer help if it's safe to do so

Avoid driving or walking through flood water: just 30cm (1 foot) of fast flowing water could move your car and even shallow moving water can knock you off your feet

Keep your family and pets away from floodwater – it may contain heavy debris, sharp objects, open manhole covers, sewage and chemicals

Wash your hands if you've been in contact with flood water which may contain toxic substances

## Useful Contacts

Floodline - 0345 988 1188

Buckingham Town Council – 01280 816426

Buckinghamshire Council -0300 131 6000

National Flood Forum – 01299 403055

Buckingham Citizen's Advice – 01280 816787

Environment Agency 03708 506 506

Anglian Water 03457 145 145

**Redacted Contacts Page**

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**Environment Committee 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Minute 1194/20**

**1194/20 Healthcare in Buckingham**

Members noted the response from Greg Smith MP citing that, at present, there are no plans to make substantial changes to the pattern of services Buckingham Hospital, and this includes the inpatient services provided there.

Cllr. G. Collins reported on the withdrawal of short term and respite care beds and radiography services from Buckingham Hospital. Members **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to write back to Greg Smith MP explaining Members' concerns that Buckingham Community Hospital were no longer using beds for short term care or respite services and that the X-ray department had not been operational for months. Councillors were of the impression that key functions of the community hospital have been withdrawn on the quiet.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

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From: "WALLERSTEINER, Isabella B" <[REDACTED]>  
Date: 15 Apr 2021 16:23  
Subject: Bucks Health Trust  
To: Paul Hodson <townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk>  
Cc:  
Hi Paul

Neil MacDonald the Chief Executive of Bucks Health Trust has responded to Greg with the following:

There has been no change to bed numbers or usage, and the x-ray department has run its normal service all the way through the pandemic. If he wants to get in touch directly with more specifics, he is welcome.

Do let me know if you would like to get in touch with Neil directly.

Kind regards  
Bella

Isabella Wallersteiner  
Senior Parliamentary Assistant to Greg Smith MP for Buckingham  
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA





# Buckinghamshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy Pilot Information Webinar

Brought to you by the Bucks LNRS Pilot Area Team





# Webinar Introduction

Carl Reynolds, 3KQ



# Agenda

- Introduction
  - Carl Reynolds, 3KQ
- The Buckinghamshire Pilot LNRS Journey
  - David Sutherland
- Statement of Biodiversity Priorities
  - Annie Ottaway
- Local Habitat Maps
  - Prue Addison
- Q&A

# Acknowledgements

On behalf of Buckinghamshire Council with thanks to:

- Natural England
- Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
- Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership
- Chilterns Conservation Board
- Forestry Commission
- Environment Agency



Berkshire  
Buckinghamshire  
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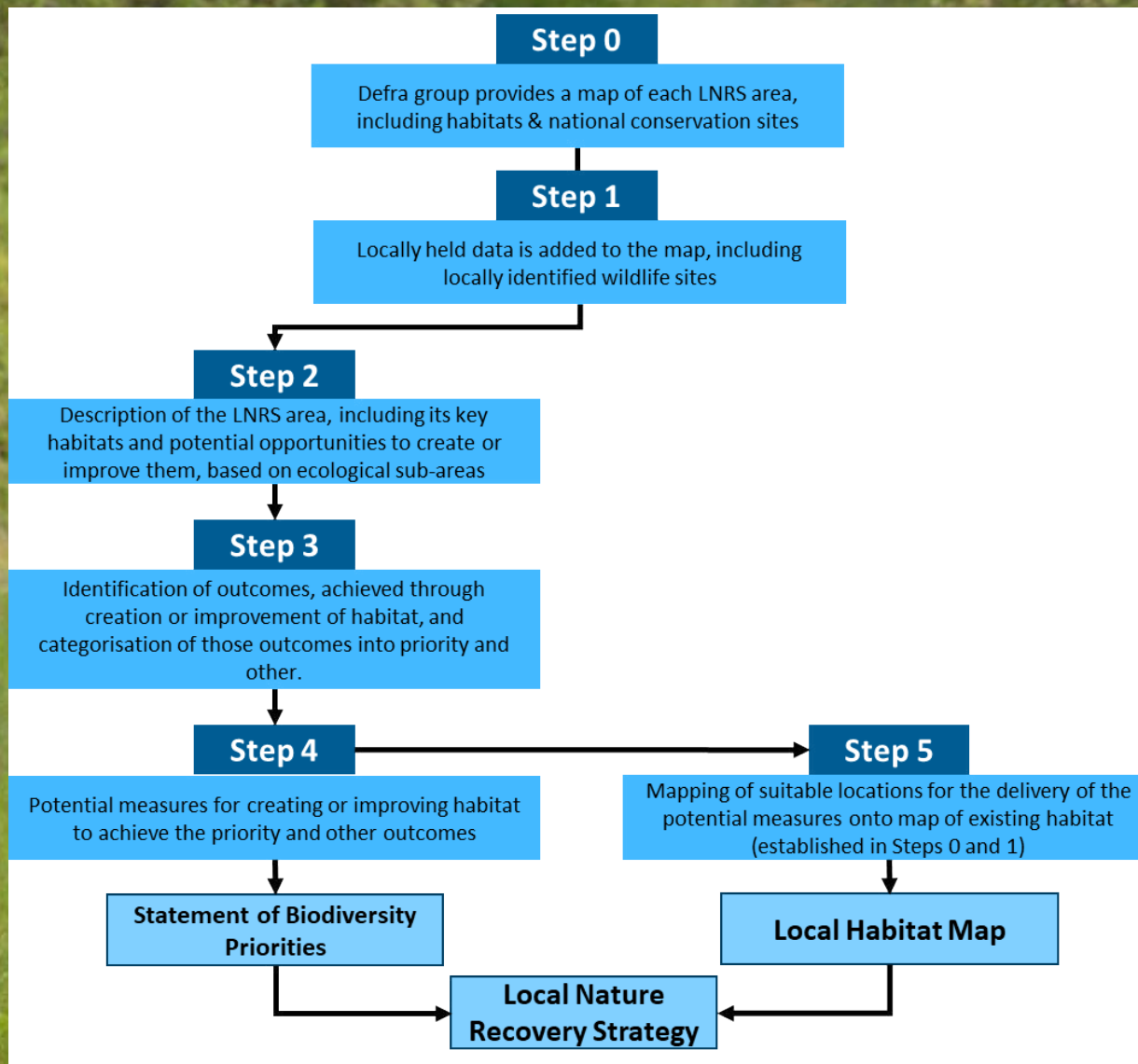




# Buckinghamshire Pilot LNRS Journey

David Sutherland, Buckinghamshire Council





# Who's involved?



*LNRS Launch Photo  
Photo Credit: DEFRA*

# The pilot LNRS journey

Collate existing information and data: data review, technical information from NEP biodiversity strategy; created baseline maps

- Habitats and land use
- Broader benefits provided by nature

Analysis and evaluation;  
production of final reports

**Early 2021**

**Oct –Dec 2020**

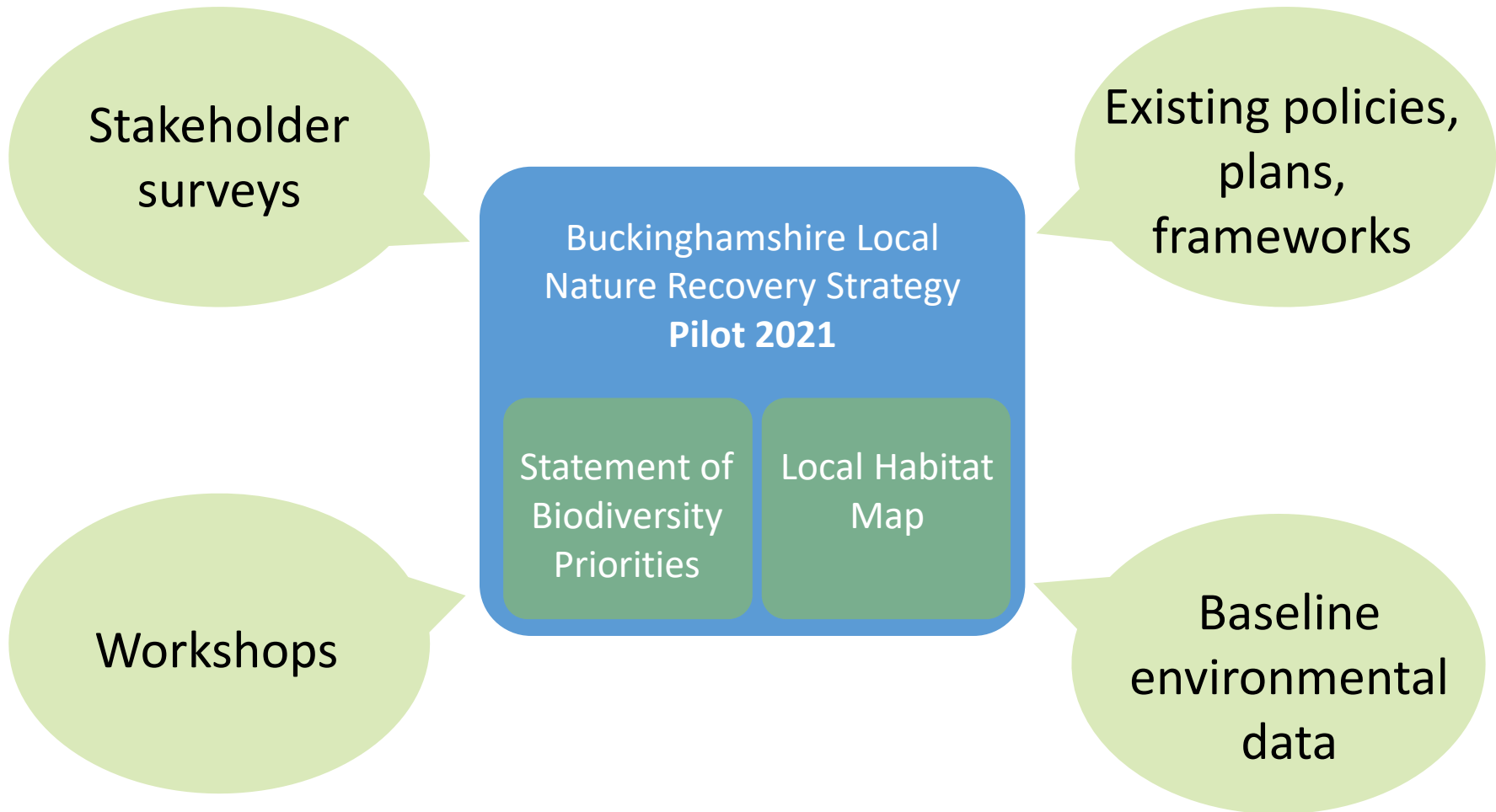
**Now**

Stakeholder engagement:  
webinar, workshops, online survey, farmer and land manager survey

Mapping: where nature must be recovered and improved



# How it all fits together



# Recap: LNRS Pilot Stakeholder Engagement

Over a four-week period in February the LNRS Pilot Area Team hosted:

- Introductory webinar, open to all stakeholders.
- Buckinghamshire-wide online survey, open to all stakeholders.
- Farmer, land manager, and forester online survey.
- Workshops for representatives of Buckinghamshire organisations.
- Workshops for farmers, land managers and foresters.

The aim of the stakeholder engagement process was two-fold:

- To inform stakeholders about the Buckinghamshire LNRS Pilot.
- To gain stakeholder input on three key elements of nature's recovery to be incorporated into the Buckinghamshire LNRS Pilot (outcomes for nature, environmental benefits, and activities to deliver outcomes or benefits).

# LNRS Pilot Stakeholder Engagement

We engaged with a total of **358 stakeholders**  
representing a **variety of sectors:**

agriculture and land managers  
parish and town councils  
central government/agencies  
conservation organisations  
individuals with a passion for nature in Buckinghamshire

For full details see our Summary of Stakeholder Engagement  
<https://bucksmknep.co.uk/nature-strategy/outputs/>

## We asked 3 core questions:



What outcomes for nature do you want to see achieved in Buckinghamshire over the next 25 years?

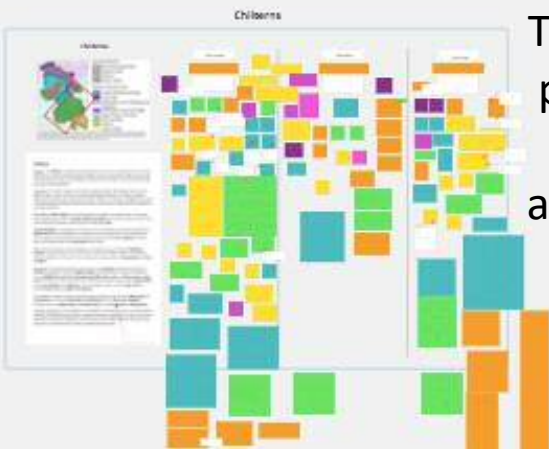
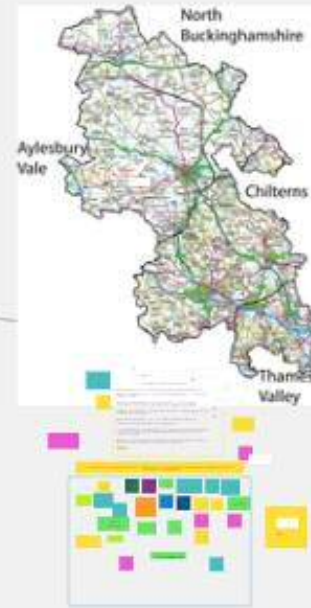


What environmental benefits (like carbon sequestration, and flood mitigation) do you want to see delivered over the next 25 years?



What activities do you think need to take place over the next 2 – 5 years to begin to achieve these outcomes or benefits?

# Stakeholders gave us lots of ideas!



The stakeholder engagement process created suggestions for **705** outcomes, **715** actions and **228** benefits that the pilot LNRs could incorporate...  
**ANALYSIS** needed!



# Aim of today

- Update: stakeholder engagement and mapping processes
- Show you: initial outcomes and priorities
- Your feedback on the direction of travel – to help us build on what we have and plan ahead for the "real" LNRS

# What's next?

- Defra – learning from all 5 pilots – will produce guidance for LNRSs post Environment Bill
- We are on a journey, and in the final LNRS, depending on requirements, we would like to:
  - Spend time to directly tie in the biodiversity priorities from stakeholders with the mapping
  - Focus on how to deliver the objectives in the best, coordinated and effective way.
- Your thoughts on the pilot LNRS products today will help inform how we can plan for the next stage of the journey.
- We look forward to continuing to engage with you we wait for final guidance, and during the next phase of work to produce a final LNRS. Keep in touch: ask questions via [nature.strategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:nature.strategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



# Statement of biodiversity priorities

Annie Ottaway, Berks, Bucks, Oxon Wildlife Trust







# Statement of biodiversity priorities - method

The responses were grouped into themes and consolidated, this resulted in a long list of 107 unique outcomes and benefits and 163 actions identified by stakeholders.

For example, the following separate stakeholder responses were used to form the single outcome '**More designated sites for nature conservation**'.

*Original response wording:*

- 1.introduce nature reserves to return rare flora and fauna to the Vale*
- 2.Increase the area of high quality biodiversity sites and associated buffer and connected to other sites across landscape*
- 4.Increase area of core and high quality biodiversity sites - e.g. LWS, SSSIs, local and national nature reserves*
- 5.Increase area of core and high quality biodiversity sites (e.g. LWs, SSSIs, NRs)*
- 6.Linford nature reserve is a great example of bio diversity. There should be so many more Site's like this.*
- 7.more nature reserves*

# Statement of biodiversity priorities - method

The number of times an outcome was suggested by stakeholders was combined with technical expertise from Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, Bucks Council Ecology, Bucks Natural Environment Partnership, local Wildlife Trust and Chilterns Conservation Board.

Background Data		OUTCOMES	Prioritisation Exercise: Select top 5 outcomes each							TOTALS	
Stakeholder Popularity	SCP weighting		Example Expert 1	NEP	FC	NE	EA	CCB	BBOWT		BC
1	1 H	More designated Roadside Nature Reserves	1								0
1	1 H	Increased resilience of Chiltern Beechwoods SAC	1		1			1			2
1	1 M	Protection of the AONB	1	1		1		1			3
1	1 M	More large designated sites (more than 200ha)	1						1	1	2
2	2	Favourable condition of SSSIs		1	1	1	1		1	1	6
5	5 H	Designated sites are protected by suitable habitat buffers		1	1	1	1	1		1	6
10	10 H	Ancient Woodland (and irreplaceable habitats) protected and in favourable management		1	1		1	1	1	1	6
12	12 H	More sites designated for nature conservation		1		1				1	3
9	9	Reduced pressure on sites of higher nature conservation value due to there being more alternative Accessible Natural Greenspace				1			1	1	3

# Statement of biodiversity priorities - results

The 54 prioritised outcomes are presented under the following Defra headings (national objectives):

- to restore protected sites on land (including freshwater) to favourable condition so nature can thrive
- create or restore additional wildlife-rich habitat outside of protected sites
- support work to increase woodland cover
- recover threatened and iconic animal and plant species by providing more, diverse and better connected habitats
- achieve a range of environmental, economic and social benefits, such as carbon capture, flood management, clean water, pollination and recreation

# Outcomes to restore protected sites on land (including freshwater) to favourable condition so nature can thrive:

- More sites designated for nature conservation
- Designated sites are protected by suitable habitat buffers
- Ancient Woodland (and irreplaceable habitats) protected and in favourable management
- Favourable condition of SSSIs
- Reduced pressure on sites of higher nature conservation value due to there being more alternative Accessible Natural Greenspace

# Outcomes to create or restore additional wildlife-rich habitat outside of protected sites:

- More Lowland Calcareous Grassland
- More ponds
- Improve WFD ecological status of Rivers and Streams
- Improved condition of priority habitats
- More wildflower verges
- Improve the condition of chalk streams
- More habitat mosaics
- Restoration and Enhancement of the Ray Valley and Bernwood Area
- More semi-natural habitats
- Better condition of semi-natural habitats
- More biodiversity in recreation green spaces
- Farmland rich in wildlife
- More overall biodiversity (minimum of doubling nature)
- Better environmental and wildlife records
- More wetland wildlife through functioning floodplains

# Outcomes to support work to increase woodland cover:

- More native woodland
- More hedgerows in better ecological condition
- Protect all ancient woodland
- More woodland in favourable management
- More wet woodland

# Outcomes to recover threatened and iconic animal and plant species by providing more, diverse and better connected habitats:

- Good connectivity of woodland habitats
- Good connectivity of wetland habitats
- Improved habitat connectivity, (including cross border) for ecological resilience
- Better habitat connectivity across farmland
- Connectivity of green spaces
- Connectivity between priority habitats
- Dark corridors for nocturnal wildlife
- Rivers reconnected to floodplains
- Fewer invasive, non-native species causing problems for native wildlife
- Improved connectivity of rivers (fish passage)
- Protection for, and more Black Poplar
- Rare or notable (priority) wildlife species are protected
- Favourable condition of invertebrate assemblages
- An increase in farmland birds (including objectives for specific species)
- Recovery of wetland birds

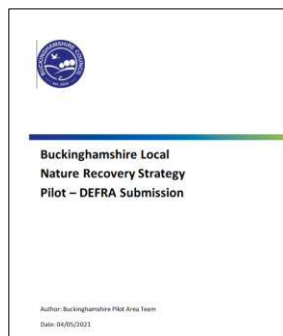


# Outcomes to achieve a range of environmental, economic and social benefits, such as carbon capture, flood management, clean water, pollination and recreation:

- Better awareness, understanding and engagement with nature and the countryside through achieving ANGSt targets
- Improved Green Infrastructure (following NEP's GI Vision and principles)
- Regenerate towns and major urban areas and build biodiversity better into planning
- Plant and protect urban trees/woodland, 30% Canopy Cover
- Better physical and mental health and wellbeing resulting from access to Natural Greenspace
- Farming and other land management gives greater ecosystem services
- Better flood attenuation through functioning floodplains, and soils
- Clean Water
- Clean Air
- Less air, water, light, noise pollution
- Mitigate climate change and store carbon with vegetation (especially trees) and soil
- Control flooding with NFM, catchment base approach
- More ecosystem services through nature based solutions
- Healthy soil organic matter for carbon sequestration, water retention and soil biology

# In summary

- Key themes that emerged from stakeholder feedback included aspirations for better management of habitats, more woodland, more urban trees and improved chalk streams.
- We identified 106 outcomes for the LNRS to achieve and we have prioritised 54 of these.
- These will be available to read in early June.



Popularity	C	I	M	N	O	P
	Objective	Desired feature	Desired feature	Feature	Direction	
12	More sites designated for nature conservation	Designated Sites	Designated Sites	quantity	Increase	
5	Designated sites are protected by suitable habitat buffers	Designated Site Buffers	Designated Site Buffers	quality	Increase	
30	More native woodland	Priority Habitat	Woodland	quantity	Increase	
10	More Wood pasture & parkland	Priority Habitat	Woodland	quantity	Increase	
10	More traditional orchards	Priority Habitat	Woodland	quantity	Increase	
6	More Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	Priority Habitat	Grassland	quantity	Increase	
11	More Lowland Calcareous Grassland	Priority Habitat	Grassland	quantity	Increase	
7	More Lowland Meadows	Priority Habitat	Grassland	quantity	Increase	
12	More Coastal & Floodplain Grazing Marsh	Priority Habitat	Grassland	quantity	Increase	
8	More Lowland Heathland	Priority Habitat	Heathland	quantity	Increase	
8	More Lowland Fens	Priority Habitat	Wetland	quantity	Increase	
7	More Purple Moor Grass and Rush Pastures	Priority Habitat	Wetland	quantity	Increase	
7	More Reedbed	Priority Habitat	Wetland	quantity	Increase	
7	Improve the WFD status of Eutrophic Standing Waters	Priority Habitat	Wetland	quantity	Increase	
10	More ponds	Priority Habitat	Wetland	quantity	Increase	
7	More canals being managed for nature	Priority Habitat	Wetland	quantity	Increase	
12	Improve WFD ecological status of Rivers and Streams	Priority Habitat	Wetland	quantity	Increase	
7	More Hedgerows	Priority Habitat	Woodland	quantity	Increase	
6	More Open Mosaic Habitat	Priority Habitat	Urban	quantity	Increase	
7	Improved condition of priority habitats	Priority Habitat	Condition	quality	Increase	
21	Good connectivity of woodland habitats	Connectivity	Woodland	quality	Increase	
9	More hedgerows in better ecological condition	Priority Habitat	Woodland	quality	Increase	
2	Protect all ancient woodland	Priority Habitat	Woodland	quantity	Increase	
2	More native scrub	Priority Habitat	Woodland	quantity	Increase	
2	Improved ecological resilience to external pressures	Ecological Resilience		quality	Increase	

# Any Questions?



# Local habitat maps

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# Mapping biodiversity priorities

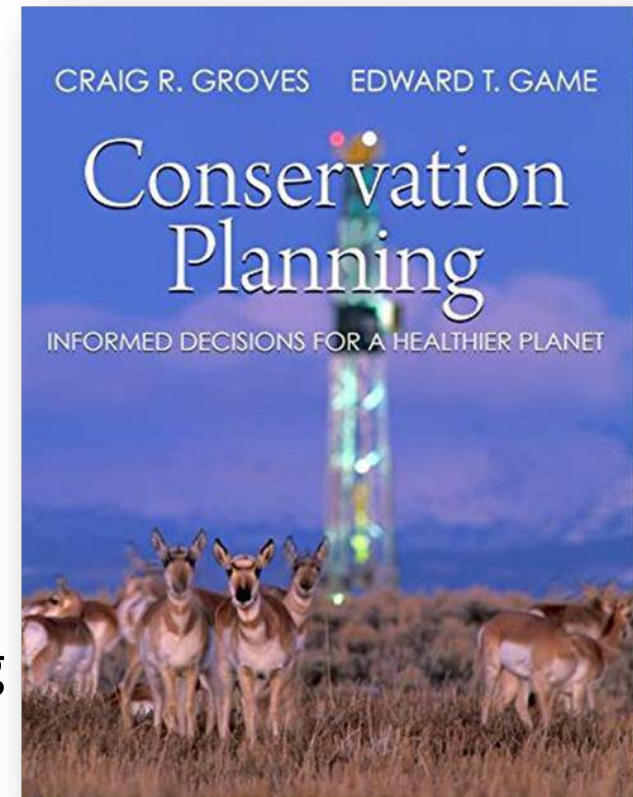
- We trialled the use of Systematic Conservation Planning to develop the Bucks Local Habitat Maps
- Biodiversify led the prioritisation, with key decisions made by the Pilot Area Team working group who also led the stakeholder engagement process
- Ultimately a local habitat map will be designed to reflect the shortlist of biodiversity priorities
- The 2 maps presented today are options for consideration by Defra to evaluate the method used, in order to determine an approach for the LNRSs in 2022

# Systematic Conservation Planning

Systematic conservation planning is an operational model for identifying and implementing the management of priority conservation areas.

It is an efficient, repeatable, transparent and equitable process for informing conservation decisions.

Evidence-based approach based on defining stakeholder priorities and translating that into maps to inform action on the ground.



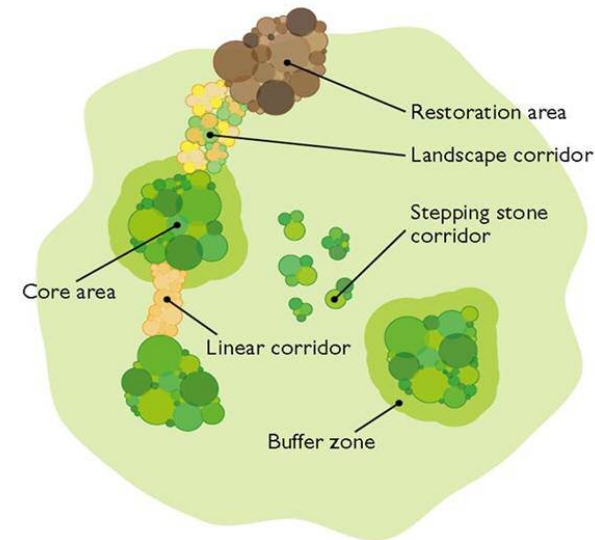
# Systematic Conservation Planning

**Connected:** networks of connected conservation areas (“joined up”).

**Adequate:** enough of each conservation feature is selected to ensure its long-term persistence (“bigger and better”).

**Representative:** every aspect of biodiversity is represented (“more”).

**Efficient:** achieves the conservation goals at minimum cost to other sectors, partly by considering the network as a whole, rather than on a site-by-site basis



# Bucks Local Habitat Maps

- Based on 4 zones – representing existing sites for nature conservation, priority habitats, and areas for opportunity to restore or recover nature & wider environmental benefits
- Draws on available environmental data and many stakeholder priorities
- Presents 2 options with total coverage ranging from approx. 40% to 70% of Buckinghamshire, to explore what the maps mean to different stakeholder groups
- Represent proposed locations for delivering both the priority outcomes for nature and other environmental benefits (= action on the ground)



# Bucks Local Habitat Maps

- These **are not final maps**, they are for illustrative purposes only and will be finalised with stakeholders when the full LNRS process is run

# Bucks Local Habitat Map

- **Zone 1 - Protected sites and nature reserves**
  - Nationally or locally designated sites for nature conservation
  - Land owned and/or managed by eNGOs (BBOWT, National Trust, Woodland Trust)
- **Zone 2 - Maintain and Enhance**
  - Priority habitats
  - Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland, Ancient Replanted Woodland
  - Other important habitats: scrub, rivers and ponds

# Bucks Local Habitat Map

- **Zone 3 - Restore or Recover**
  - Potential restoration areas for priority habitats
  - Woodland – high priority, managed and unmanaged
  - Chilterns AONB
  - Roadside Nature Reserves
  - Biodiversity Opportunity Areas
  - Ecosystem Services Opportunities
    - to sequester and store carbon
    - to reduce surface runoff
    - to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality
    - to ameliorate air pollution
    - to regulate local climate (e.g., reduce urban heat)
    - to increase access to natural greenspace

# Bucks Local Habitat Map

- **Zone 4 – Wider Landscape**

- Areas outside of zones 1 – 3, which are still deemed important to support nature's recovery, but do not contain spatially distinct features that were used in the mapping (e.g., planting or restoring hedgerows, creating wildflower meadows, implementing green infrastructure in urban areas, etc)

# Bucks Baseline for Nature

A quick side note

To determine the Bucks baseline for nature we calculated the area of land covered by:

- Protected areas (SACs, SSSIs, NNRS, LNRSs, LWSs, BNSs).
- Areas under current known conservation ownership (BBOWT, National Trust and Woodland Trust)
- Priority habitats (as defined by BMERC and PHI)

Total area = 23,285.4ha

**Total percentage coverage of Bucks = 14.9%**

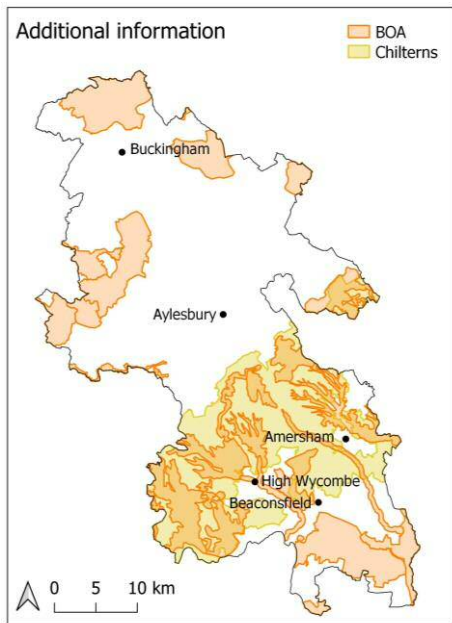
# The 2 options of local habitat map

- The working group assigned 'H', 'M', or 'L' priorities to each of the conservation features in zones 2 & 3
- These **do not yet represent stakeholder consensus** on the level of importance of the features
- The **two maps produced are for illustrative purposes only** to demonstrate outputs of Systematic Conservation Planning to show stakeholders what will be possible with the final LNRS in 2022 once we have further elicited stakeholder priorities beyond the pilot phase

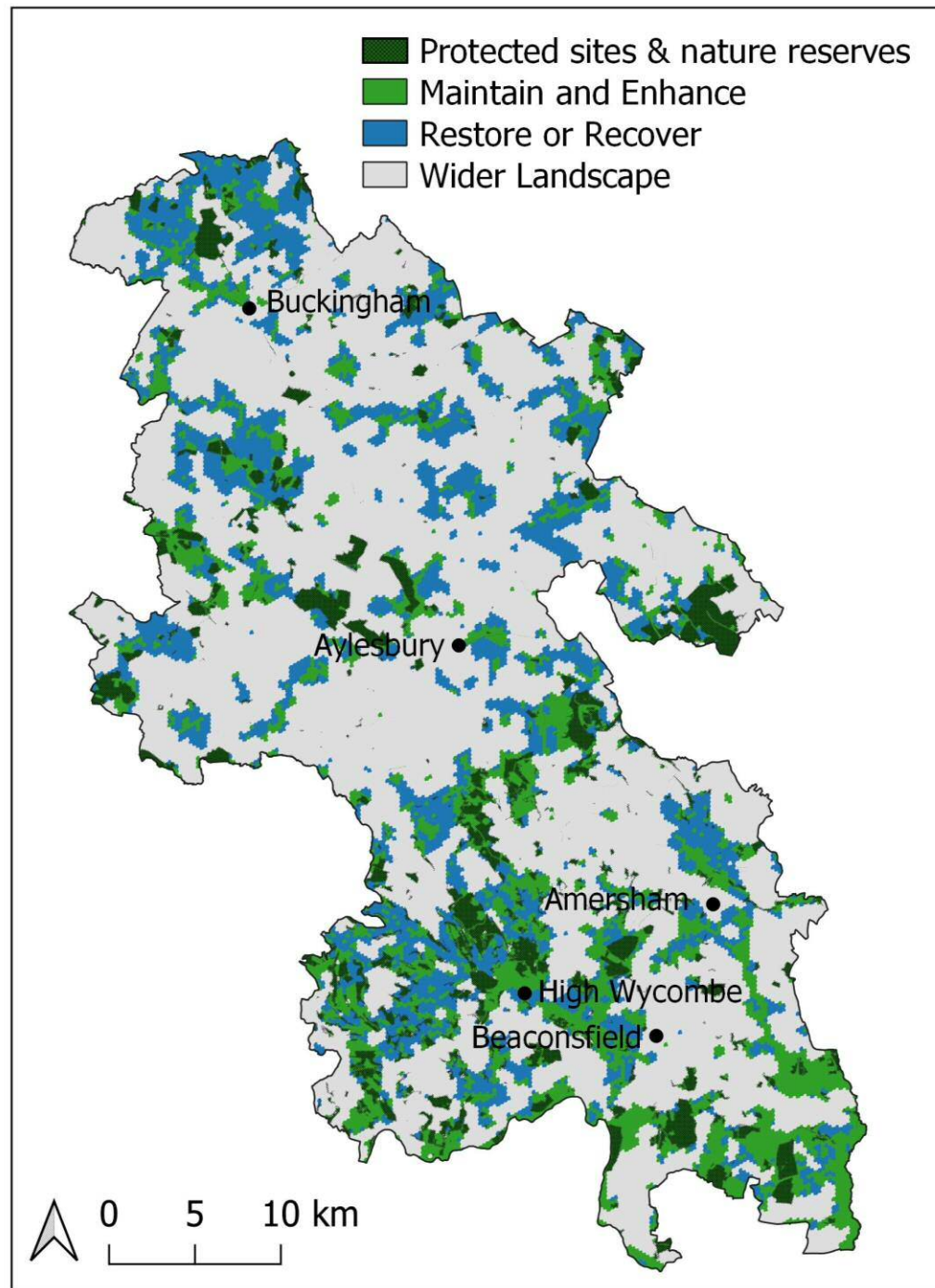
# Map 1

Network: 639 km<sup>2</sup> (41% of Bucks)

Zone	area_km2	prop of bucks
Protected sites & NRs	159.48	10.19%
Maintain & enhance	212.64	13.59%
Restore or recover	267.23	17.08%



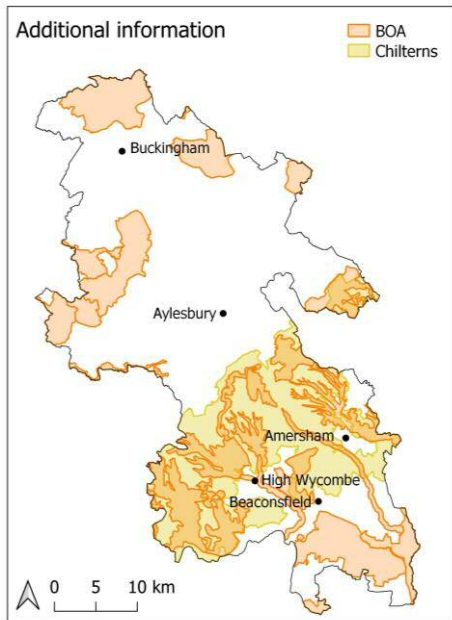
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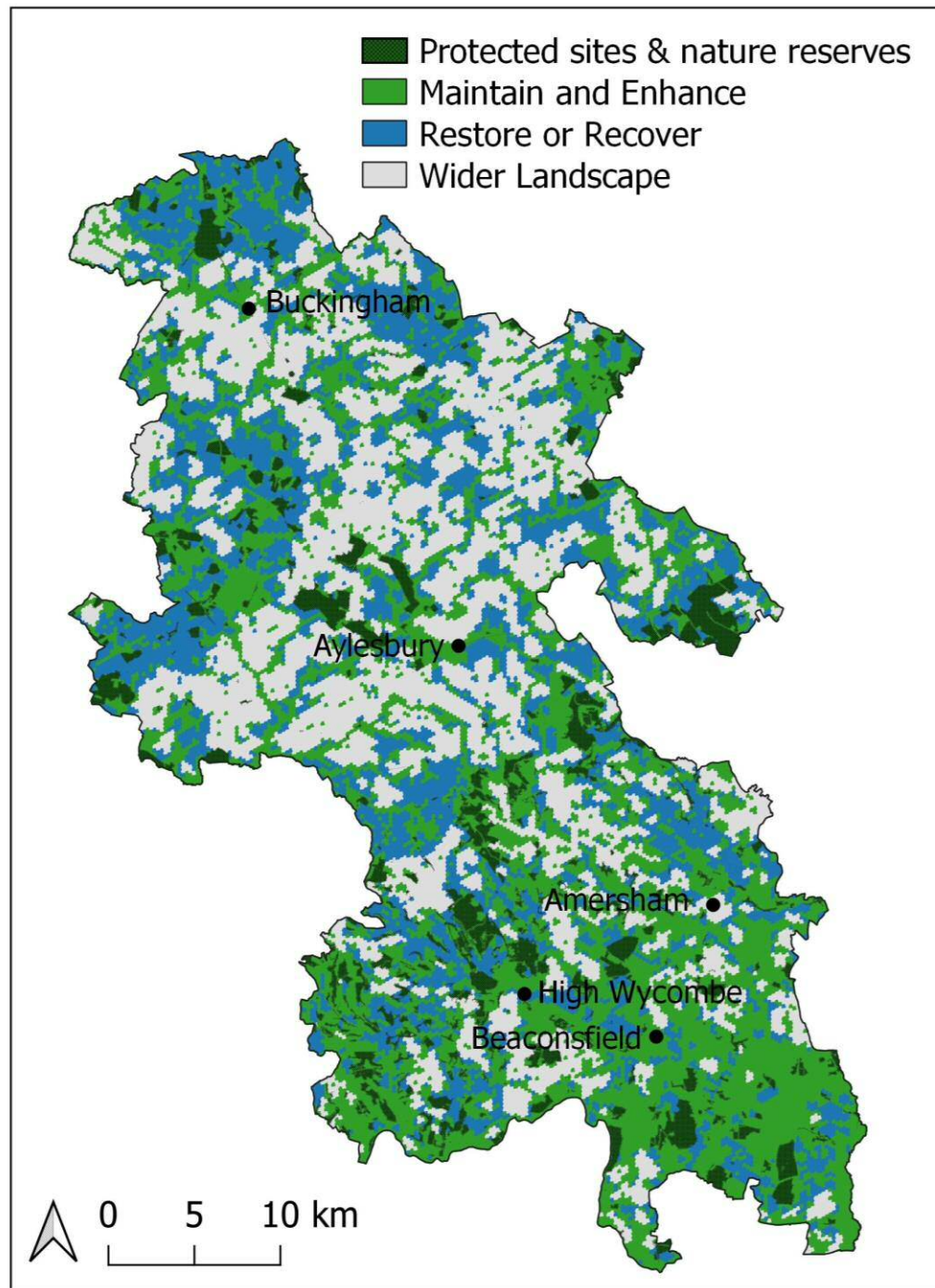
# Map 2

Network: 1,084 km<sup>2</sup> (69.3% of Bucks)

Zone	area_km2	prop of bucks
Protected sites & NRs	159.48	10.19%
Maintain & enhance	537.25	34.33%
Restore or recover	387.70	24.77%



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# What needs to happen for the map to be finalised?

- As part of the final LNRS, agreement needed on:
  - Total area coverage of Bucks of the local habitat map (compared to the baseline of 14.9%)
  - The number and meaning of the zones
  - The priorities that are mapped (e.g., after another round of consultation we may end up with a different list to that developed for the Pilot)
- Final map will need to be interrogatable, showing landscapes where particular priorities exist and specific activities to support nature's recovery could be implemented

# Any Questions?



# Next Steps

David Sutherland



# Next Steps for the Process

- All 5 pilots are submitting the 'prototype LNRS' to Defra at the end of May.
  - All of the learning from the pilots will help inform national guidance and regulations to accompany the Environment Bill as well as developing the 'Future Scheme/E.L.M'.
- LNRS statutory guidance is expected to be rolled out in Spring 2022. Which will make it a statutory requirement for all authorities to produce an LNRS.
- From then Bucks will be producing the official LNRS using the work done to date.

# Keeping in Touch

- This is not the end of our engagement with you but just the beginning
- We will be engaging with you again later in the year to review and revise the outputs
- Keep in touch with us - for any FAQs contact the LNRS email address: [nature.strategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:nature.strategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- The outputs from the pilot will be shared with you later in the year



# Thank you for your involvement

We look forward to continuing to work with you on the  
development of Buckinghamshire's Local Nature Recovery  
Strategy





**Buckingham Town Council**  
**Climate Emergency Action Plan Update**  
**June 2021**

At Full Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Members AGREED:

*“That Buckingham Town Council declares a climate emergency and commits to encourage Buckingham to become carbon neutral. This will help to raise the profile of this vital issue and secure external support and funding. It is also proposed that Buckingham Town Council also signs up to the Covenant of Mayors to track our progress and link with towns around the world who are cutting emissions. Our aim is to make the Town Council carbon neutral by 2030 and encouraging the town’s population, organisation and businesses to work with us in that aim.”*

and for

Local Councils that have declared a climate emergency tend to do so to provide leadership and help educate their communities about both the threat of and solutions to the climate crisis. This should then act to harness “people power” to make that change possible at all levels, especially driving higher levels of government to act and ultimately force them to pull the economic and legislative levers needed to reverse global warming and restore a safe climate.

This action plan sets locally determined actions with measures to deliver the objectives both within the Council and across the town. The actions are measurable with targets that hold the Council to account. This Climate Emergency Action Plan is an overarching pledge that identifies the following priority areas of change:

**Objectives**

- a) Energy - to reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat.
- b) Transport – to promote walking, cycling and public transport. Accelerating the move to Council owned electric vehicles.
- c) Food & Land - to promote sustainable land management, including tree planting to help absorb carbon & water.
- d) Economy, Housing & Waste – to support the local economy to ensure existing and new homes are climate resilient whilst reducing, re using and recycling materials and ongoing resources e.g. water
- e) Community Engagement - to engage local people in accelerating their own responses and building resilience to ongoing climate impacts.

## Buckingham Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan

<b>Community Engagement - to engage local people in accelerating their own responses and building resilience to ongoing climate impacts.</b>				
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Update</b>
1.	<b>Creation of a Climate Emergency webpage to enable discussion, idea sharing and extend public awareness of the issues.</b>	Number of visitors per year	Resources Committee	Page created on the Town Council's website and has generated 124 page visits during the last year and, 114 unique page visits. Social media content planning sessions allow for a regular programme of environmental campaigns and initiatives.
2.	<b>Information can be made available in Buckingham library and on notice boards to maximise public awareness and access to information</b>	Number of contacts made	Resources Committee	It is hoped we can arrange something with the Buckingham library, once business return to normal – Autumn 2021.
3.	<b>Encourage practical action by local people through proactive communication campaigns.</b>	Number of visitors per year to webpage	TC&E and Environment Committee	Webpage created for Climate emergency and update useful contacts.
4.	<b>Consultation on the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan refresh will enable detailed consultation on the proposed changes.</b>		Planning Committee	Consultation to be rolled out in Spring/Summer 2021.



5.	<b>Encourage the formation of Local Climate Action Groups.</b>	One formed	Resources Committee	To be created following first public meeting (date to be confirmed).
6.	<b>Host a public meeting on the issue.</b>	One per year	Resources Committee	Delayed by lockdown. In consultation with the Town Council's Climate Champions on a suitable way forward.
<b>Energy - reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat</b>				
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Updates</b>
7.	<b>Implement an Energy Audit of all Council buildings, operations and vehicles</b>	Actions implemented	Resources Committee	Carbon footprint Audit providers to be investigated and options to be presented to Resources Committee on 5th July.
8.	<b>Change BTC energy provider to renewable/ green tariffs</b>	Moved to green tariffs by 2020/21	Environment Committee	Delayed conducting a thorough review until we have the solar panels in place, at least at Lace Hill, as then we may be able to get deals that also cover buyback from the panels.
9.	<b>Offset carbon emissions by planting more trees (whenever possible)</b>	One tree planting project per year	Environment Committee	2020 Tree planting sessions: 12 <sup>th</sup> March and

				7 <sup>th</sup> November. Tree Planting sessions for Spring 2021 have been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions, <b>there will be a tree planting event arranged for Autumn/Winter 2021.</b>
10.	<b>Investigate options for carbon offsetting Town Council event e.g. Bonfire &amp; Fireworks</b>	Publication of carbon offsetting certification for each relevant event	Town Centre & Event Committee	To be investigated as part of the carbon footprint audit – April 2021.
11.	<b>Minimise the climate impact from development and encourage a low carbon economy through our Neighbourhood Development Plan by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Encourage a sustainable pattern of development supported by a low carbon transport infrastructure</b></li> <li>• <b>Promote sustainable design in and in the overall town by interrogating every planning application (large or small) with our developing set of 'zero carbon planning questions'</b></li> <li>• <b>Protecting against the needless destruction and/or removal of tree from our parish</b></li> </ul>	% of new builds in the parish to be low carbon properties	Planning Committee	To be considered through consultation on the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan refresh. Consultation to be rolled out in Spring/Summer 2021. Draft design guide prepared which takes account of this.
		% of new builds in the parish to be low carbon properties	Planning Committee	
12.	<b>Install renewable energy generation on Council owned buildings</b>	Installation of Photovoltaic Panels on all the Lace Hill Centre, The Community Centre and the	Full Council and Resources Committee	Quotes are currently being sought for Lace Hill. The Community Centre panels will then be pursued once the current vaccination

		new cemetery building (once constructed).		programme is ended. The new cemetery design will take account of solar and other reusable energy.
<b>Economy, Housing &amp; Waste – to support the local economy to ensure existing and new homes are climate resilient whilst reducing, re using and recycling materials and ongoing resources e.g. water</b>				
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Update</b>
13.	<b>Provide recycling facilities at all Town Council Events and within Town Council owned buildings.</b>	One bin per event	TC&E /Environment	Recycling bins are now being provided at all Town Council events. In particular, noting the success of recycling Biffa bins at Music in the Market & Bandjam. <b>Recycling in all BTC offices now implemented. (agenda item 14)</b>
14.	<b>Work with and support litter picking initiatives around town including the increased promotion of River rinse.</b>	One Town Council event per year in addition to the two river rinses	TC&E Committee	Despite the pandemic a River Rinse still took place. During October 2020 the Town Council launched a ‘Rubbish Campaign’ to encourage residents to conduct individual litter picks, which was covered by national local council press. <b>Litter Pick</b>

				organised for 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 with Youth Club and new initiative #QuickLitterPick launched in Bourton Park (agenda item 16)
	Investigate possibilities of rainwater harvesting for all new town council buildings and use the water for planters and hanging baskets	One per new build (owned by BTC)	Resources Committee	To be considered within the construction design stage of the new cemetery buildings.
15.	Fit water saving devices in all town council owned toilets	One per toilet	Environment Committee	Not possible for Lace Hill and Cornwalls Meadow as the toilets are already low flush cisterns. Estates Manager is conducting audit of Chandos Park toilets to see if water saving devices would be appropriate. To promote Anglian Water's water saving advice and 'Keep it Clear' campaign. Also, to publicise information on the water quality impacts of foul water misconnections into surface water sewers
16.	Promote the installation of the water bottle refill station in Chandos Park and the national refill initiative	Number of interactions through Social Media	Environment Committee and Resources Committee	<b>COMPLETE</b> Water bottle refill station installed and positively received.
17.	Actions implemented to eliminate the use of single-use	No purchases of	Resources	The Council no longer

	<b>plastics within Council offices/buildings and continue to promote Plastic-free Buckingham</b>	single use plastics	Committee	purchases single use plastic items for events and for use within its offices. The plastic-free message was promoted as part of the 'Rubbish Campaign' and launch of the water bottle refill station in Chandos Park.
18.	<b>Implement waste education and promotional campaigns</b>	Number of interactions through social media and with groups including schools	Resources Committee	Officers have been continuing to promote what the Council is doing to address climate change. Social media content planning sessions allow for a regular programme of environmental campaigns and initiatives. <b>Most recently the #QuickLitterPick initiative and Litter poster competition with Bourton Meadow Primary School</b>
19.	<b>Request a carbon footprint of any Town Council investment and seek to reduce this by switching to investments supporting renewable energy projects and eco-enhancements.</b>	Measure and publish low carbon emission certification	Resources Committee	To be considered at Resources Committee July 2021
20.	<b>Buy local, fair-trade, recycled, plastic free, repairable and sustainable products wherever possible/available.</b>	Consideration of a procurement strategy	Resources Committee	Wherever possible sustainable materials will always be sourced. The most recent example

				being the 7 new recycled plastic litter bins for the Brackley Road cemetery.
21.	<b>Ask grant applicants to consider the impact on the environment of their project and any steps they can take to mitigate them. Members to consider these responses when allocating grant funds.</b>		Resources Committee	From 2021/21 each applicant must state how their organisation is working to reduce the environmental impact of their project.
<b>Transport – to promote walking, cycling and public transport. Accelerating the move to Council owned electric vehicles.</b>				
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Updates</b>
22.	<b>Explore more bike parking facilities around the town, including local schools and businesses.</b>	5 more racks by 2021	Planning Committee	Approved applications for: RLS 13 + 6 at the Sports Hall and McDonalds 4 double-sided bike racks. All new development housing has either a shed big enough to house a bike, or (for flats) a room for cycle parking, generally at the rate of 1 per flat: St Rumbolds Fields 398 houses & flats Hamilton site 33 flats + 17 houses.

23.	<b>Consider holding an event that promotes cycling around the town</b>	To be considered on a future agenda of TC&E 2019/20	Town Centre & Events Committee	To be considered at TC&E once business returns to normal and social distancing rules allow for more public events.
24.	<b>Replace BTC owned vehicles and green spaces equipment with suitable electric models when existing petrol, and diesel vehicles come to the end of their usable life, resulting in full replacement with electric vehicles by 2030.</b>	Replace each vehicle at the appropriate point in its lifecycle.	Environment Committee	Electric vans (total - two Renault Kangoo) leased in Winter 2019 and Summer 2020. Aim for full replacement of all vehicles with electric alternatives by 2030. Once the new cemetery is up and running there are plan to purchase other electric powered machinery, such as ride-on mowers.
25.	<b>Refurbish and promote the town's benches to assist walkers to take short rests. Advertise Buckingham as a 'pedestrian friendly town' on the Council's <u>'Walks and Maps'</u> section of the website.</b>	Replace each bench at the appropriate point in its lifecycle.	Environment Committee	Walking trails regularly promoted via Buxplore along with healthy outdoor activities. Greenspaces team have refurbished or repaired a number of park benches throughout the town and funding has been approved for another 8 benches/picnic tables via the Buckingham & Villages Community Board.

26.	<b>Work with Buckinghamshire Council to extend/ improve cycle/ walking network</b>		Full Council	<p>The Greenspaces Team have maintained walking and cycling routes across BTC land holdings and under agreement with others. The Town Council have provided feedback to Buckinghamshire Council to support the introduction of a cycle scheme between Gawcott and Buckingham via the Emergency Active Travel fund.</p>
27.	<b>Work with Buckinghamshire Council on increasing EV charge points on public land</b>		Full Council	<p>Initial contact has been made with electric vehicle Induction charging company (Char.gy) to identify potential solutions. Chandos Road -street parking is being considered for a pilot project. Buckinghamshire Council have agreed to install 8 charging points in Cornwall's Meadow and Western Avenue.</p>



<b>Food &amp; Land - to promote sustainable land management, including tree planting to help absorb carbon &amp; water.</b>				
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Updates</b>
28.	<b>Finalise Flood Plans with local partners</b>	Number of contacts established	Environment & Resources Committee	Additional properties have been added to the list of vulnerable addresses.
29.	<b>Advise residents on steps to increase resilience</b>	Increased number of residents signed up to the Flood Warden Scheme	Environment & Resources Committee	A number of volunteers have come forward and investigation is underway to determine the appropriate policies, procedures, insurance and training for volunteer flood wardens.
30.	<b>Promote the community flood warden scheme</b>	Increased number of residents signed up to the Flood Warden Scheme	Environment & Resources Committee	Initial meetings have been held between Buckinghamshire Council and the Town Council to discuss how to ensure a coordinated response to future flood plans. Flooding advice has been added to the town council website. All properties at risk will be written to each year with details of the Council's plan and sources of support.

31.	<b>Protect and enhance native species and habitats. Promoting and supporting opportunities for environmental enhancement and regeneration</b>	One environmental campaign per year	Environment Committee	Installation of wildflower boards in Bourton Park to promote the planting of native wildflower species (April 2021). Thousands of native Woodland bulbs were planted around Bourton Park in September 2020. Further wildflower planting has taken place in Bourton Park for the Summer 2021.
32.	<b>Support local food production including the provision of more allotments for people to grow their own food.</b>	Number of allotment holders at the new Tingewick Road Allotment site	Full Council	The Town Council continues to signpost new applicants to the Allotment society and is working with Buckinghamshire Council on potential sites for community gardening sites. Plans for the new site will be developed during 2021.
33.	<b>Seek adequate garden space or community spaces for growing food in all future development.</b>	One community space per new development	Full Council and Planning Committee	To be reviewed within the refresh of the NDP
34.	<b>Purchase (where possible) locally produced and fair-trade food for the Council's use and civic events.</b>	All BTC events	Town Centre & Events Committee	Incorporated within planning for all Town Council events.
35.	<b>Review of grass verges and hedges to identify areas to be trimmed less and later in the year to support more wildflowers and insects</b>	To be considered within Greenspaces	Environment Committee	The grass cutting plan reviewed by Environment Committee in March

		Strategy and Management Plan for Parks		2021.
36.	<b>Each year allocate a section of land to be planted with wildflowers.</b>	One per year	Environment Committee	A new section of wildflowers was planted in 2020 in Bourton Park, on the car park side of the river. Plans are in place to 're-wild' sections of verge along the bypass with wildflowers and grasses during 2021.
37.	<b>Plan a new eco-friendlier cemetery to include planting more trees and wildflowers.</b>	Measure and publish plans and low carbon emission certification	Environment Committee	Proceeding with the tender process for the first phase of the planning and design of the new cemetery. To enable this a sustainable design approach is to be taken in all aspects of the new cemetery. In particular; to reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat as well as recycling materials and ongoing resources e.g. water.
38.	<b>Work with the Tree Wardens, in promotion of the Tree Charter.</b>	5 new Tree Wardens signed	Environment Committee	Following promotion through our website and

		up per year.		social media we've have signed up 8 new Tree Wardens during 2020/21. A meeting of the Tree Wardens took place on the 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 and Wardens were tasked with completing Tree Planting Surveys for their local area. Plans are in place to arrange more events once business returns to normal.
39.	<b>Look to legally protect the future of the riverside parks in Buckingham, including Chandos Park, Bourton Park and Heartlands as parkland.</b>	Future agenda of Environment Committee 2019/20	Planning Committee and Environment Committee	To be reviewed following resolution of devolution discussions.

**BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

**Contact Officer: Lee Phillips, Estates Manager**

**Repair Café Proposal**

**1. Recommendations**

- 1.1. It is recommended that Members agree for the Town Council to support the proposal to set up a repair café in Buckingham.
- 1.2. It is recommended that the Town Council agree to help the group setting up in terms of:
  - Holding the finances for specific projects to help establish the group whilst it is getting established (estimated to be approximately a year).
  - Assist in the application for sources of funding and assistance from other organisations to get the group set up.
  - Provide help in the promotion of the group via social media.

**2. Background**

- 1.1 The Town Council has received a request to help set up a group to hold volunteer run events to carry out repairs to household items free of charge.

**3. Information**

- 1.2 Budget Considerations, no budget is required at this time
- 1.3 Resources Implications; admin time will be required for processing initial finances and supporting promotion of the group
- 1.4 A detailed proposal for setting up the Repair Café has been provided

# Repair Café Buckingham

Proposal to set up a volunteer-run event to carry out repairs to domestic

## What is a Repair Café?

First established in Amsterdam in 2009, a Repair Café is an event/space that provides an expert-led forum for the public to bring their household items for repair, free of charge. Many cafés are associated with the “Repair Café” organisation, which provides practical information and resources for those wanting to set one up. (See <https://www.repaircafe.org/>)

Formally speaking, at a Café repairs are carried out by the person who brought the item in, with expert volunteers on-hand to assist. This is strictly distinct from a “leave your item with us to be repaired” service, which both simplifies the legalities concerning the work of the repair, and also means that Repair Cafés have an educational component.

Repair Cafés work best as recurring events, both because there is likely always going to be demand, and because it can take time for the concept to “bed-in” within a community. Established cafés often run once-per-month, but every 2 or 3 months is also possible, and will depend upon demand and availability of volunteers.

In Buckinghamshire, there are currently 4 cafés: Marlow, Aston Clinton, Princes Risborough, and Haddenham. Inevitably, the pandemic has disrupted their operation, but Marlow and Aston Clinton are now up and running again (with appropriate Covid limitations).

## Proposal

To establish a Repair Café in Buckingham, initially for 3 events, roughly 2-3 months apart. Each event to be held for 3 hours on a Saturday morning.

## Costs and support

The following are estimates.

### Initial startup costs

Repair Café starter pack: €49 (we already have a copy of this)

Marketing and other material (vinyl banners, signage, printing of registration forms): £150

Tools<sup>1</sup>: iFixit Repair Business Toolkit

(<https://store.ifixit.co.uk/collections/toolkits/products/repair-business-toolkit>): £211.99

### Ongoing costs (per event)

Hire of venue (4 hours per event): Typically £100-£200 depending on venue (see below).

Refreshments (if not served by premises or other organisation): £30

Public Liability Insurance (depending on insurance held by the venue): £?

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<sup>1</sup> Volunteers typically bring their own equipment and tools with them, so this is to cover any gaps, and is arguably non-vital.

## Income

Repairs are free, but we suggest a donation to support the work of the Repair Café. Any use of new materials such as leads, plugs, fuses, patches or applications is paid for separately.

## Support sought

Buckinghamshire Council support other Repair Cafes and have indicated willingness to support one in Buckingham, but **we would also like buy-in from the Town Council** as this is a local initiative. The division of costs (startup and ongoing) possibly depends on whether and/or how much the Town Council is prepared/able to commit, but we also envisage the TC could help with publicity (e.g. inclusion in lists of events, etc).

In addition to financial backing, Repair Café Buckingham is not (yet) a formally constituted organisation. Many existing Repair Café's operate under the umbrella of another organisation: for example, in Marlow it operates as part of Transition Town Marlow. **Would Buckingham Town Council consider "hosting" the Repair Café (at least for the initial period), to handle the finances, etc?**

## Possible venues in Buckingham

Among other venues, the following seem to be the frontrunners:

**Community Centre:** Small room £33/hour, Large room £51/hour. This is the obvious choice, though is currently in use for vaccine storage.

**The Cote at the Woolpack:** £150, plus £15/hour if the bar is to be open. "Men in Sheds" use this venue.

**Lace Hill Community Centre:** TC-owned! Possibly not central enough for a Saturday morning?

## Co-location with other events

Andrew Jenkins at Bucks Council mentioned that Repair Cafés often work well alongside other environmentally-focussed events, for example:

- Fairtrade stalls (to provide tea/coffee?)
- Give/take stall: e.g. a real-life "Buckingham Waste Not, Want Not" (or "Freegle") stand where items can be given to others for free
- Other community events (craft fairs, coffee mornings, etc)

Such co-location potentially increases the footfall, and cuts the cost (e.g. of venue hire).

## Other FAQs

### *What legal/insurance issues are there?*

Repair Cafés are well-established and operate on the principle that repairs are undertaken by the person who brought the item in, with help from volunteers (anyone who brings an object in for repair must complete a form prior to any attempted repair taking place).

The only insurance typically required is Public Liability Insurance to cover the day of the event itself, but this will depend on whether the venue holds insurance that can cover.

*What types of things do Repair Cafés fix?*

Subject to availability of volunteers: anything (so long as it can be brought in for repair)! We envisage: clothing & textiles, electricals, furniture, toys, woodwork, bicycles, glue/tape/string.

*Does this take work away from local businesses?*

No. This is about helping people to make small repairs to items. In fact, we intend to have a list of local tradespeople and businesses for when a repair cannot be carried out in the Café, which should raise awareness of such services.

*How does this relate to other initiatives like “Men in Sheds”?*

This is quite different from Men in Sheds (who, by and large, make and sell items), but we recognise that some of the same people could be interested in both.

*Could you seek sponsorship from local businesses?*

Yes, we would like to explore this, but we need “proof of concept” by holding the first 1-2 cafés so they (and we!) know it is worth doing.



**BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

**Contact Officer: Lee Phillips, Estates Manager**

**The Provision of Recycling capability within Council premises.**

**1. Recommendations**

- 1.1. It is recommended to provide a mixed recyclables 1100l wheeled bin to be located in the bin store at Lace Hill Community centre and pay for collections on a fortnightly basis at a cost of £328.50 per year (budget 205/4033).
- 1.2. It is recommended to fund the provision of 6 bins for the collection of recyclables within the town council's properties at a purchase price of £289.86 (budget 102/4013).

**2. Background**

- 2.1 There is currently no provision for recycling within the Town Council's properties, although the Climate Emergency Plan commits to:

*13. Provide recycling facilities at all Town Council Events and within Town Council owned buildings.*

**3. Information**

- 3.1 The initial cost of providing the additional bins within the Town Council premises would be:



6 x 70l Mixed recyclables bins: £48.31 each = £289.86

<https://www.litterbins.co.uk/smart-slim-profile-recycling-bin-70-litres.html>

- 3.2 The ongoing resources to empty the 1100l wheeled bin on a fortnightly basis would be; £328.50 per year to collect/empty the mixed recyclables bin.
- 3.3 Additional time for the Greenspaces Team to collect the bins from 6 premises and dispose of in the mixed recyclable bin at Lace Hill: 1 hour per fortnight. This can be managed within the current resources available.
- 3.4 The bins would also be used to dispose of recyclable waste from events the Town Council holds.

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**Contact Officer: Estates Administrator**

**#Quicklitterpick**

**1. Recommendations**

1.1. It is **RECOMMENDED** that members note the report and promote the Quick Litter Pick initiative through outside organisations.

**2. Background**

In March 2021 the Town Council began receiving requests from residents and community groups asking how best they can get involved in safely clearing any litter they find while out and about.

As this was between Environment committee meetings, discussions began with then Chair of the committee Ruth Newell over the best options to tackle the issue of litter immediately. A number of actions were taken within the office, including printing new anti-littering banners, and more regular bin emptying by the green spaces team.

For those residents and community groups wanting to be more actively involved, the best way to clear up litter is with litter pickers. Keeping the litter at a distance from your body can protect you from broken edges and any unwanted germs that might be lurking.



Agreement was therefore also given by the Chair to start a self-directed litter picking pilot, so that the cage, litter pickers and other materials required would be available for installation before the summer.

The Town Council installed Buckingham's first **#QuickLitterPick** point at the beginning of June. This covered cage in Bourton Park contains 5 individual litter pickers and a supply of bin liners and can be accessed by anyone with the code for the lock. (Anyone who would like the code can call the Town Council Office or Buckingham Tourist Information Centre

during opening hours). Litter collected will be picked up by the Greenspaces Team.

**BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Contact Officer: Estates Manager**

**Hydroelectric power**

**1. Recommendations**

- 1.1. It is recommended that Members agree to refer the matter to the Pontio group to enquire as to whether the University of Buckingham has reconsidered utilising Tanlaw Mill for the generation of hydroelectric power.
- 1.2. It is recommended that no actions are taken to further explore hydroelectric power on the Town Council's estate.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. At Environment Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Members AGREED the following motion:

*892/20 Energy Generation from Vortex Generators*  
*Following the information from Andy Savage about the possibility of energy generation from vortex generators, that this Council investigates the potential of a feasibility study at appropriate sites in the Town and reports back to this committee.*

- 2.2 In 2009 The University of Buckingham commission a pre-feasibility study for the construction of a vortex generator at Tanlaw Mill at the time, the cost of the scheme was approximately £135,000 and it was expected to take 15 years to recoup the investment.

**3. Information**

- 3.1 Suitable sites for electricity generation from vortex generators are not that common and typically are located on a step hill with fast flowing water. The upfront cost of hydro power can be quite high, but on a suitable site it can be a good long-term investment.<sup>1</sup> The available head and flow on site would need to be assessed with an official pre-feasibility study in order to choose a suitable turbine. A higher head gives more power to harness. Also, as a high head turbine will spin very quickly, there may be no need for complex gearboxes or belts.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Centre for Alternative Technology

3.2 You usually need a drop of over 10 metres for a higher head turbine to be viable. These types, such as Pelton or Turgo turbines, are comparatively cheap, easy to install and work well in a fluctuating water flow.

3.3 For a low head sites there are Crossflow or Archimedes Screw (Vortex) turbines, which tend to be much bigger for the same power output because they need to deal with a larger flow rate. These installations are extremely site-specific. Prices vary widely depending on the type and size of system and how much work you are able to put in yourself.

3.4 What makes a good site for hydro electric turbines?

- **Good head** - Head is probably the most important factor in having a good hydro site, provided all of the other parameters are satisfactory. The power, and therefore energy output from a site is proportional to head. The cost of a hydro system is to a large degree determined by the physical size of the civil engineering structures and the turbine, so as heads get lower and water volumes increase (because the pressure and therefore velocities decrease), the system gets more expensive.
- **Good flow** - Generally speaking, low head sites tend to have higher flow rates because they are in the lower-end of a river's catchment in lowland areas, and therefore have a large catchment upstream with lots of tributaries. Higher head sites are usually higher in the catchment where the land is steeper (hence the higher heads possible), but also the catchment is smaller, so flow rates tend to be less.
- **Simple site layout with main parts close together** - This is mainly in relation to construction and installation works. The perfect site from a construction perspective is an empty green field, with no constraints. As complications arise such as historic structures, public rights of way, historic machinery and natural features (like cliffs, bed-rock, waterfalls, springs etc.) the project gets more complicated and therefore expensive. More constraints means more construction cost. It is also beneficial if the intake, turbine location and discharge are all reasonably close together. On lower-head sites this ensures that the civil engineering (i.e. concrete) structures are relatively small, hence lower cost.
- **Good grid connection** - You not only need a physical grid connection, but it also needs to be 'strong' enough to take all of the power you will generate. Generally, you will need a three-phase 11,000 volt supply either on-site or nearby. Ideally you would already have a suitable on-site transformer or substation so you can connect on the low-voltage (LV) side.
- **Good site access** - For the construction stage, and to a lesser degree for on-going maintenance, the site will need access for construction equipment, delivery vehicles, and for large systems, cranes.
- **Single ownership of the site, or cooperative neighbours**
- **Not too many environmental sensitivities** - the process of getting environmental consents from the Environment Agency in England and Wales is bureaucratic and slow. The more ecologically-sensitive a site is, the longer and more expensive the consenting process will be. In general terms hydropower systems can be designed to have no negative impact but sensitivities (like migratory fish, fish spawning, protected species etc.) are not

show-stoppers, but do slow the consenting process down and make it more expensive.

- 3.5 The Council had previously ask for the Bourton Park Weir to be considered for the installation of a vortex turbine. Following consultation with a Renewables Project Engineer the site was consider to have a low head (difference in water levels on site) of 1.5m. Estimates on the flows proportional to the EA gauge downstream at Thornborough Mill, the site would be able to produce around 10kW and around 44,000kWh a year. [note a typical home consumes around 5000kWh/year].
- 3.6 Initial advice was that on site utilisation at the University's Tanlaw Mill would make a hydro-electric scheme more viable than at Bourton Park weir.
- 3.7 Having looked at site plans for the Town Council's stretch of river there are no other suitable sites for a hydropower scheme. Therefore, the Town Council would need to consult with the University of Buckingham on a scheme at Tanlaw Mill to generate and locally sourced electricity for the town or University.
- 3.8 Enquiries with various renewable energy providers have determined the following costs for current pre-feasibility studies:

**Full hydropower feasibility price**

- 3.9 The price varies depending on the expected maximum power output of the finished system:

Less than 100 kW £3,350

100 – 250 kW £3,900

250 – 500 kW £5,100

*All prices plus travel costs and VAT.*

- 3.10 It is not proposed that the Town Council funds a feasibility, given the likely high cost and very low benefit from a scheme on the Council's property.

**RE: Community Right to Bid - Buckingham Athletic Sports and Social Club**

Dear Town Council

In reference to the asset above, I write to confirm that the listing as an Asset of Community Value will expire at the end of the five years listing period on 29 August 2021 and will be removed from the Council's List of Assets of Community Value, and its land registry entry will be updated to reflect this.

Assets may be nominated for Asset of Community Value Status again before or after their previous listing has expired. All nominations will be processed in accordance with the Council's Assets of Community Value Policy and relevant parties will be notified accordingly.

For more information, or to nominate an asset, please visit:  
<http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-right-to-bid>

Kind regards  
Assets of Community Value Admin

Corporate Business Support/Resources Directorate

Supporting: Localities and Strategic Partnerships  
Buckinghamshire Council



Ref	Date	Subject	Location	Who is responsible for area	Outcome/ Follow up
s064	27/01/2021	Please could you say a big thank you to your guy for doing such a great job in salting the paths in town on Monday.	Verney Close and Town Centre	BTC	
s065	28/01/2021	<p>I'd like to make a complaint regarding the behaviour of the driver of the van in the attached picture, registration KW19 NDD today at 2pm.</p> <p>I was on this tarmac path at the side of the wooden playpark in Bourton Park, I was walking towards the junction of where the path meets the main wider lit path when this van turned to come toward me. He was then sat in front of me blocking the path, leaving me nowhere to go. I approached his vehicle and asked him to wind his window down as he was refusing my requests for him to reverse back to let me through. He wound his window down, I was struggling to hear him because of the engine noise and he told me to come closer to the window, I said I couldn't because of the mud, he laughed at me. I asked him to reverse, he again refused saying he couldn't. As a driver myself, I saw no reason why he would be unable to do so. I asked him what he expected me to do and he gestured for me to walk through the mud (which had been caused by vehicles), and over the wet grass. I was unable to do this as I was not wearing appropriate footwear for walking through mud and wet grass.</p> <p>The attitude of this member of staff was unprofessional, he was rude and unhelpful. Laughing at a member of the public because they cannot walk over mud is unacceptable. It's also unacceptable to even ask a member of the public to walk through mud and over wet grass in the first place. Had I been wearing welly boots, I would have, but I'm not destroying my footwear due to his impatience.</p> <p>There was no reason for him to not let me exit the path before he turned down it.</p>	Bourton Park Snr Playarea	Estates Manager	Investigation into the incident and discuss the matter with the member of staff involved. I believe the issue was he didn't see the member of public until he had come around the corner and didn't want to reverse the vehicle due to the muddy conditions. However, it is clear that their attitude fell short of the standards the Council requires from its staff. This has been addressed with the individual concerned. The matter has been dealt with.
s066	06/03/2021	I would like to report what I believe to be an unsafe area in the senior play area in Bourton Park. My son tripped in the hole (see photos) and split his lip open on the bench.	Bourton Park Snr Play Area	Buckingham Town Council	Safety matting replaced on the same day and complainant emailed.

s067	13/04/2021	<p>I wonder if you would help with the placement of a litter bin at the bus stop on London Road outside Lidl.</p> <p>There is a bin at the bus stop on the other side of the road (Tesco) but nothing on the Lidl side, there is always a lot of litter in the bushes behind this bus stop or litter left on the seat in the bus stop.</p> <p>I know that a small child on the Lace Hill estate has been litter picking in this area recently but, clearly, this should not be up to a child to do. I feel that a regularly serviced bin at this bus stop would be a massive improvement in the amount of litter left and, therefore, in the area generally.</p> <p>Many thanks and kind regards</p>	London Road	Buckinghamshire Council	Approval gained from Streetscene to accommodate the collection and disposal of litter from this location. Greenspaces Team installed a pole bin at the bus stop on London Road the following week.
s068	26/04/2021	The barrier fencing along the river bank in the Treefields part of Bourton Park is insecure in parts. There is steep drop to the river at this point. Part of the fence needs attention to avoid the potential for a serious accident.	Heartlands bridge	Buckinghamshire Council	Reported to Bucks council
s069	21/04/2021	<p>Would you be able to give me an update on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Litter/Dog waste bin for Tingewick Road, this I raised some three years ago and at one of the meetings it was decided that a bin could be placed and that it would be down to the estates team to undertake this, do you have a timescale on when this will be?</li> <li>Disable access to Clarence Park play area and riverine corridor, the last communication from the council meetings was that the consultant that was appointed by Taylor Wimpey to report back on the issue was reluctant to attend due to COVID concerns, this was I believe back in December but I feel it was longer, the excuse is frankly absurd and the consultant could have easily visited a large open space socially distanced to complete his/her report, disable residents from Clarence Park, Hamilton estate and Fishers Field all have access from the river walk but cannot access or leave the play area/river walk due to no dropped kerb. Has there been any further involvement from the TC to put pressure on TW to allow disabled access to the site.</li> <li>St Rumbolds Well, the whole issue of the developers and the TC regarding taking ownership or responsibility has gone quiet, there seems to be no update as to what's happening after the developer put a screen around the site, but that has now been breached and its back to fires being lit, glass smashed, empty cans and toilet waste back there again, really is this any way to treat a local historic monument, Buckingham should be proud of this but we all let it get to this state, if it was in the Cattle Pens or elsewhere in the centre of town it would be looked after and there would be further outcry, out of site out of mind. I'm more than happy to be part of a working party to clear this up as</li> </ul>	Tingewick Road, Clarence Park and St Rumbolds Well	Bucks Highways/Taylor Wimpey	<p>We have agreement for our Greenspaces Team to install the new litter bin (fixed to an existing pole outside the launderette) on the Tingewick Road and this job should be programmed in over the next couple of weeks. We are hoping to hear back from the Street scene department over the next few days with agreement on the installation of the new dog waste bin – to be located on the exit from Railway Walk. Our Communications Clerk has been chasing Taylor Wimpey on a regular basis and on the 25th May we received the following reply:</p> <p>The specialist consultant has finally been to the development (we struggled to get them to do a site visit due to Covid) and they are now drafting their proposal to resolve the access issues. Due to the nature of the issue and the area to be worked on they have not been able to confirm a timescale for their proposal but as soon as we have it we will let you know.</p> <p>The Town Council is currently in discussions with Barratts (Developers of the Tingewick Rd estate) about the option for the Town Council to take on the green spaces and play areas within the new development, this would include maintenance of the site of St Rumbold's Well. Full Council have agreed that the Town Council take on the green spaces and play areas following completion of the development, provided that Barratts agree a suitable initial payment, and that the development of the green spaces are completed satisfactorily, in line with the agreed plans. Whilst negotiations are ongoing we are unable to comment any further.</p>
s070	03/06/2021	The grass is really long and she is losing her small dog in the long grass.	Riverside walk at rear of Fishers field	Bucks Council	Reported to Bucks council