

The Village Green

Covering Haddenham, Long Crendon,
Stone and surrounding villages

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Aylesbury Vale Green Party

Better, safer villages for everyone

Many communities are taking positive action to make town and village roads safer. Haddenham councillor David Lyons started the “20’s Plenty for Haddenham” campaign with Andrew Gordon in 2012.

It is supported by the Haddenham Walking and Cycling Campaign and was included in the parish council’s Neighbourhood Plan.

Evidence shows that 20mph makes for healthier, better connected and safer communities. There will always be those who say that people do not obey 30mph so why have 20mph



limits, but experience shows that a sustained, community-led campaign with targeted enforcement changes driving culture and reduces the number and severity of accidents.

David hopes that once the proposed Haddenham road traffic management plan has been drafted, the village will be able to use development funding to create a 20mph area.

Want to know more? Check out www.20splenty.org or contact David Lyons at info@aylesburyvale.greenparty.org.uk.



David Lyons checking out a fountain in London

Water, water everywhere

David Lyons has written to local councillors calling for Aylesbury Vale District Council to formulate and implement a policy for the provision of public drinking water fountains and water bottle refill points in the Vale, in liaison with Water UK.

AVDC should also provide support for town and parish councils in

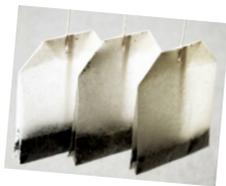
providing these facilities. This scheme would help keep people healthy by providing a free alternative to sugary drinks, would help keep up fluid intakes and would also reduce our plastic use. It is a win-win.

We will keep you informed of progress with his campaign.

Tackling plastic use in unexpected places

Plastic waste is hot news. Everyone accepts the need to reduce our use substantially and to compost and recycle as much as possible.

Besides the obvious plastic we see around us, plastic pollution comes



from unexpected sources. As has been reported in the news recently, most tea bags contain plastics that remain in the soil for years and mean they are not compostable.

There are active campaigns to stop the use of plastics in teabags at <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/remove-plastics-from-tea-bags> and www.change.org/p/pg-tips-ask-pg-tips-to-start-using-biodegradable-tea-bags.

News from Long Crendon



Long Crendon - more going on than you might think

The Long Crendon Green Drinks Group has met and organised events since 2015, bringing like-minded people together socially and offering events on a range of environmental themes from car-sharing to solar power.

They have screened environmental films and, although they have no political or fundraising status, they have enjoyed inspiring visits from Natalie Bennett and a team from Greenpeace promoting their ocean plastics campaign.

Recently one member, Doug Kennedy, talked about his success in taking Thames Water to task for polluting the River Thame in 2014 when there was a sewage leak that turned the river black and killed fish and insects.

If you would like more information about this group, contact their chair selinasugden@gmail.com.

Improving the Buckinghamshire countryside

The government has launched its new policy document, *A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment*. It sets out what will be done to improve the environment within a generation.

All those with an interest in preserving and enhancing the richness and beauty of our “green and pleasant land” are encouraged to read the government’s plans and to take action in support of measures that give practical effect to the ambitions.

It is essential that protecting the quality of the natural environment plays a more significant part in



planning decisions in the future. So-called “natural capital” is not a “desirable extra” but is fundamental to the future of life in Buckinghamshire.

We will monitor the implementation of the government’s proposals and report back to you. But meanwhile, here are some issues on which we need rapid action:

- Reduction in use of plastics.
- Urgent phasing out of neonicotinoids and harmful pesticides, blamed for declining bee populations.
- Reforestation, especially of indigenous species.
- A shift from motor transport to cycling and walking.
- Genuine commitment to enhance “natural capital” in modifications to the planning system.

Energy from Waste

The Greatmoor Energy from Waste facility near Quainton is offering tours open to everyone. People are saying what a fascinating tour this is and we certainly enjoyed seeing our waste turned into electricity for the national grid. You can find details of the open days at www.greatmoor.co.uk/open-days.



Find out more



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