

The Village Green

Covering Haddenham, Long Crendon,
Stone and surrounding villages

Winter 2017/18



Aylesbury Vale Green Party

You CAN do something about speeding in your village

Many people feel frustrated and helpless as cars and lorries race through their communities, making roads dangerous and walking unpleasant. Residents in some villages have given up waiting for their county councillors to do anything and are making change happen. For example:

1. Scotsgrove residents who want a 40mph speed limit have obtained accident data, carried out opinion surveys and got funding for speed-monitoring equipment.
2. Haddenham residents started a “20’s Plenty for Haddenham” campaign and have made 20mph limits a recommendation of the neighbourhood plan, which will guide new development and

spending in the village. See www.20splentyforus.org.uk.

3. Villagers can borrow temporary speed cameras to record details of offenders and then pass that information on to the police.
 4. Villages such as Stone have vehicle-activated speed cameras, reminding drivers to slow down. These also record the times and speeds of offenders.
 5. Some residents have taken to wearing dark anoraks and standing on the pavement pointing a hair dryer at approaching speeding cars – it can be quite effective!
- The Green Party believes streets are for people and they should take priority. We want to make our streets safer and more pleasant.



There are lots of ways to manage traffic through villages

If you have had enough of fast traffic ruining your village, gather support from your neighbours and go to your parish council. They are your first port of call and should be able to support you. For more information, contact David Lyons on 01844 296174.

Healthy Driver Campaign 2017: keep yourself safe

Bucks County Council is running a “Healthy Driver” campaign to try and make us all aware of our behaviour on the road.

Speeding is the main issue, but it is also encouraging us to be more aware of our own driving in bad winter road conditions and offering “Better Driver Assessment” courses for young drivers, mature motorists, people who drive for work or those who think they need a refresher.

You can find out more about the campaign at www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/road-safety/healthy-driver-campaign.



Greener Living Fair

On Sunday 19th December, Aylesbury Vale Green Party held its second Christmas Greener Living Fair. The event is fast becoming a popular one, with more stall holders and public attending than ever before.

There was a wide variety of stalls, selling everything from recycled jewellery and Christmas decorations to second-hand books and organic beauty products. There was even a wreath-making demonstration.

A good time was had by all who came. Look out for our next fair in May 2018.



The Greener Living Fair in November

Townsend Community Orchard opening



David Lyons pressing apples in Haddenham

Saturday 21st October was the official opening celebration for the Townsend Community Orchard in Haddenham. The first trees were planted in 2015, and signage and tree plaques were recently added.

The money for the project came from developers having to provide funds as part of the planning permission process.

David Lyons, a Haddenham councillor who has been involved in the project from the start, said: "It is essential that developers are made to contribute to our communities. Long Crendon and Chearsley already have community orchards and Townsend is a great addition for the people of Haddenham."

Cycling and walking: better provision promised in Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

The district council has submitted its latest local plan to the government – an essential step in trying to avoid yet more speculative development.

Section 7 on transport promises to give priority to walking, cycling and public transport, both in new and existing developments, in order to "minimise environmental impact and promote social inclusion".

Given the poor track record to date on this laudable aim, Aylesbury Vale Green Party remains sceptical over this ambition but will keep a close eye on developments and will be pleased to celebrate should improvements be delivered as promised. Visit <https://allpartycycling.org/> inquiry for further information.

