



Threat to Long Crendon surgery

Following the closure of the Long Crendon surgery and Unity Health's proposal to transfer their medical services to Brill, an action group was set up in early September to oppose this move and explore the possibility of a new site. Unity Health says the closure would be in the interests of patient and staff welfare because the current building is unable to be made safe during the COVID epidemic or afterwards. The company are asking patients to feedback on this proposal via their website where you can find an online survey. You can also post your comments through the surgery letterbox. Councillor David Lyons says "I support Long Crendon residents who believe their growing village needs to keep its own GP surgery, and I have raised the matter with the Clinical Commissioning Group and Bucks Council cabinet member for Communities and Public Health".



Long Crendon surgery

CELEBRATE CARE HOMES

Now is a critical time for care homes as COVID ramps up again. We know that they did stunning work during the early summer and we want to show our support for them again. If you have personal knowledge of a care home you can go online and show you support them using the hashtag #CelebrateCareHomes. Green campaigner Greg Smith says "I am full of admiration for the way care homes just got on with it, not always with the resources they needed. We owe them a debt of gratitude".

ENJOYING OUR GREEN SPACES



We are very lucky in this area to have such beautiful green spaces. David Lyons says "seeing so many more families out picnicking, walking and cycling and using those green spaces feels really positive for our health". Some of us managed to get some fresh air doing socially-distanced litter picking in Long Crendon during the Great British September Clean. It looked a pretty tidy place on the whole!

ZERO CARBON HADDENHAM

Across Aylesbury Vale communities are coming together to find ways to act locally to achieve a low carbon and better future for all. The Green Party is actively involved in supporting these local initiatives. An example of this is green campaigner Greg Smith's involvement in Zero Carbon Haddenham, which he chairs. This group has been involved in a range of activities from a loan scheme for a community apple press, thermal imaging and airtightness testing local housing and more recently tree planting through 'Releaf' and a scheme to investigate the viability of a local e-car club. You can borrow the apple press if you contact Greg (below). Zero Carbon Haddenham held a virtual 'Build back better' forum in July. Greg was excited to see that about 70 residents contributed to the debate.



Haddenham apple press



Greg with his giant

HADDENHAM'S GIANT PARADE

The Haddenham Feast Arts and Culture Festival transferred online this year with a visual arts exhibition and competition. Greg Smith, Green campaigner and lead organiser for the Feast Parade, explained how important these events are in maintaining a sense of community. The theme for the parade this year was giants. Greg told us "I hope what we have done for the Feast has lightened the mood during difficult times. We couldn't have our parade but you could see the giants in local front gardens during September".

GET IN TOUCH AND LET US KNOW



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In line with current guidance, David is not holding regular councillor surgeries or organising public meetings. David said: *"I'll still be working as much as I can for the community during this difficult time. We can't be sure what will happen in the months ahead and the situation may change quite quickly, but we'll do everything we can to keep people informed in the meantime through our newsletter and Facebook page. You can book a video call with me if you wish to meet face to face!"*



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