



## Energy Independence



Buckinghamshire has one of the lowest levels of solar farms across the UK. Green Councillor, Gregory Smith, says “where the circumstances are right, solar farms are an important part of our energy infrastructure”.

Gregory has voted in favour of the application to site a Solar Farm on the A4129, just outside Kingsey. At the Bucks Council Planning meeting he spoke about the importance of energy independence, especially during the current world crisis, and the importance of renewable energy.

### Green waste problems

Have you been told that green waste cannot be collected because the lorry can't access your street? This seems to have happened to the residents of Flint Street, Haddenham. If you have any concerns please contact Gregory about this. He says that “alternative council vehicles are available to provide this service”.

Could you deliver the Village Green in your street? Please email

[info@aylesburyvale.greenparty.org.uk](mailto:info@aylesburyvale.greenparty.org.uk) if you can. Your help would be much appreciated.

## Worminghall Velo Cafe



“Worminghall residents wanted to make their village hall sustainable and needed to start by raising some income”, says Linda Hughes, Secretary of Worminghall Village Hall Charity.

“We have started Worminghall Velo Café, which is open every Saturday morning, 10:30-12:30, staffed by volunteers, plus over 25 bakers willing to create amazing cakes for visitors. At times it's frantic when a peloton of 10 cyclists turn up. We are also providing outside seating in our lovely garden on fine days”.

Linda says they seem to be on the right track. “We have upgraded the front door to improve the thermal efficiency; changed the lights to LEDs; have an inclusive and sustainable plan in place to modernise the hall – and the Velo Café is really enabling us to make a difference for our community”.

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## SORTING OUT THE PLASTIC



Residents are concerned about the emissions from the Greatmoor Energy from Waste facility. Buckinghamshire Councillor, Gregory Smith, went on a fact-finding trip with the Haddenham Village Society and Zero Carbon Haddenham. The plant produces enough electricity to the grid to power 40,000 homes, pretty good when we are facing spiralling energy bills!

But, Gregory says that “whilst poisonous emissions are very well managed at Greatmoor, the same cannot be said for CO<sub>2</sub>, most of which comes from burning plastic mixed in with general waste. The best and most immediate solution is for all of us to stop putting plastic in general waste. Your Council needs to find better ways to help you sort your recycling. Meanwhile it’s best to use the soft plastic recycling facilities at the Co-op and other supermarkets (crisp packets, cling film etc)”.

### Roads in a state

Gregory is regularly meeting with the Council Highways Department to focus on the worst road problems that must be fixed as a priority. Please contact Gregory, particularly if you haven’t had a satisfactory response from [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com).

Gregory is pushing the Council review of road safety so that priorities for repair can shift to take greater account of busy cycle routes.

## IT’S ON THE MEND



*Haddenham Repair Cafe*

Gregory is pleased to be supporting the Repair Café, which runs on the **first Saturday of the Month at Haddenham Village Hall**. “People bring a wide range of items for repair, from a (favourite) garden trowel to a carpet cleaner, and everything in between. It is a joy to see people from the ‘mend and make do’ generation inspiring younger people to get things fixed and pick up some new skills. It’s also a great place to get a coffee and cake and stay for a chat”. Gregory is always there and happy to talk.

### Still waiting for funding

The **Long Crendon** Wellbeing Centre project still awaits confirmation of funding from the government. In the meantime a Fundraising and Grants Committee is being formed to ensure that all fundraising is compliant with Charities Commission guidelines.

**Meet your Councillor** - Gregory Smith will be at Haddenham Library on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Or you can email [Greg.Smith@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Greg.Smith@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or phone on 01844 292713. He says “I am happy to meet for a chat at anytime”.

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