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# THE VILLAGE GREEN

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**Councillor**  
**Gregory Smith**

The Green Party newsletter covering Haddenham, Stone, Waddesdon, Long Crendon, Brill and surrounding villages

## 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR BRILL?



The Green Party is working with communities across Bucks to address the problems of road safety and preserving the character of our wonderful communities. We recently spoke to residents in Brill where a survey identified speeding cars as a significant problem. Residents in other villages have raised the same issue.

Brill Green Campaigner, Paul Norman, says that traffic calming measures and 20 mph speed limits would make the village an even better place to live and he will be campaigning to make this a reality. Paul says "The problem is that with so much on street parking, crossing the road can be quite dangerous. Wouldn't it be great if Buckinghamshire Council supported 20 mph for all the villages that want it? I hope we can make that happen."

Don't forget that you can use the **Fix My Street** website ([www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)) to tell the council about problems on roads, pavements, street furniture, e.g. street lights, etc.

## ECO CAFÉ AT LONG CRENDON



Long Crendon has a new **Green Crendon** group. Their first event was a well-attended Eco Café, which was inspired by a similar one in nearby Brill. It featured lots of activities already happening in the village as well as thoughts about what might be achieved in future. The Eco Café was followed by a Clothes Swap event in March and it seems that there is much more planned.

Green Councillor Gregory Smith said, "This is just the sort of grassroots localism that shows the concern and commitment of local people to make our communities even better places to live. The vibrant and determined feel of the Eco Café was inspiring. Congratulations to Green Crendon on a fantastic event."

## THANK YOU TO WADDESDON RESIDENTS

The Green Party recently surveyed the residents of Waddesdon to find out more about their concerns. We would like to thank them for their warm welcome. We will be publishing more about the survey in our next, Summer edition, of The Village Green.

**THE ONLY PARTY TO CONSISTENTLY OPPOSE HS2**

## Rare enforcement notice for developer

It is rare for Bucks Council to put an enforcement notice on a new development but this has happened in Haddenham where the developer failed to install adequate drainage on a site. The developer, Redrow Homes, now has to remove all the work done and sort out the problem. Councillor Gregory Smith says it is very heartening to see the Council take this rare step.



Redrow Homes site in Haddenham

## COMMUNITY BOARD VOTES AGAINST FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PUB



The George and Dragon, Quainton

The Green Party supports local business and the local 'circular economy'. It is always good to see local people coming together to try and save a local pub or shop. A great example is the action group in Quainton who are working on a Community Ownership buy out of the George and Dragon. But how disappointing that an application for a small grant from the Community Board, to help with set up costs, was rejected. It seems that the only voice on the board in support of the application is Green Councillor Gregory Smith. "This is exactly the sort of project that Community Boards should support" says Gregory. "Local business and the local economy binds our communities together. Well done Quainton and good luck, you have my support"

## WE NEED SOLAR ON COUNCIL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Bucks Council has no policy to ensure that developers put solar panels on new industrial buildings on their land. Councillor Gregory Smith is infuriated by this and is meeting the Head of Asset Management to find a sensible way forward. Gregory said "we must not waste good roof assets that can be used for energy creation".

## HADDENHAM GOES BEE FRIENDLY



There was quite a buzz at Zero Carbon Haddenham's Bee Squared event in February. Bees and other insects are suffering a fall in their numbers due to loss of habitat and the use of pesticides. Families were able to see demonstrations from bee keepers and obtain free wildflower seeds for their own Bee Square (a metre patch in each garden to provide frequent foraging for local bees). Councillor Greg Smith, a member of the group, said "people really understand the problem and want to help make a difference. It was good to welcome residents from our new developments".

The government has made it essential that voters take **photo ID** to polling stations in order to vote. If you don't have photo ID the easiest thing is to register for a postal vote on Bucks Council website.

You can contact Green Councillor, Gregory Smith, at [Greg.Smith@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Greg.Smith@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or meet Gregory at Haddenham Library on the second Saturday each month 10-12 am.

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