

Local Area Bulletin – The Missendens Local Area

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This bulletin gives you the latest news from Locality Services about community projects and initiatives in your local area, which you might like to include in your local newsletters.

- The formal consultation period on the community partnership proposals for Great Missenden Library closed on 3 February but work is ongoing on future plans. A Friends of Great Missenden Library list has been compiled and work is continuing to explore all options for the continuation of the library service.
- The Youth Service is consulting on the future of youth provision in the county, and both Prestwood Youth Centre and Holmer Green Youth Centre are included within the consultation. Due to budget reductions it will not be possible to maintain staffing or funding for the current network of universal youth centres. Discussions are taking place with the management committees for Prestwood and Holmer Green, as well as other local groups to identify possible community solutions to take forward this provision. A formal workshop will be held on the 1st March 5.45-7.45pm at Chesham Park Community College for key stakeholders to come together to review potential solutions. Anyone interested in attending who has not received an invitation, should contact Christine Gardner (details below).
- The Youth Service consultation forms part of the county council's overall consultation on budget proposals. This also includes specific consultation on Transport. For information on the consultation, visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget
- The County Council has commissioned work through Chiltern District Council in the Prestwood area. An organisation called "Street Dreams" is working with older young people (aged 14 years plus) and Brian McCollum is working with 11-14 year olds on putting together a youth performance. Work with teenage girls in the area will be undertaken by Prestwood Youth & Community Action Group.
- We are continuing to promote the development of Local Community Contingency Plans so that communities are better prepared for the "out-of-the-normal" event such as heavy snow. If you are interested in being part of this work and would like a copy of our simple toolkit, then please get in touch.
- As part of its 'Give it a Go' campaign, Reactivate Bucks are providing free taster sessions and Return to Sport Courses for adults in the Chiltern area. Running from the 14th to 20th February, details are available online at www.reactivatebucks.org or by telephone on 01296 585215.
- Many people have great ideas to improve their neighbourhood, but red tape, rules and regulations can get in the way. Some of these barriers are real and some are myths, but the Locality Services Team is here to help. If you have a barrier you want to bust then email cgardner@buckscc.gov.uk

The Localities and Communities Manager for your local area is Christine Gardner. You can contact her for more information on items in this bulletin, or any other issue connected to your local area. Contact her on cgardner@buckscc.gov.uk or 01296 383645.

The Missendens Local Area includes the parishes of Great Missenden and Little Missenden.

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