

# Local Area Bulletin – Amersham 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 Youth Service is consulting on the future of youth provision in the county, and the Chiltern Youth Centre in Amersham and the Amersham 61 Club 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 Chiltern Youth Centre and Amersham 61 Club, as well as other local groups to identify possible community solutions to take forward this provision. A formal workshop will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget)
- At its July 2010 meeting, the Local Area Forum agreed to commission Chiltern District Council Community Team & Nexus to provide diversionary youth activities in identified "hotspots" for anti-social behaviour, including Amersham. So far, consultation has been conducted with young people and activities requested are: martial arts, self defence, music production, film production and make up and nail & beauty. Projects commenced at the end of January 2011, on a weekly basis, until the end of March. In addition the I-van multi-media van will be available in the Amersham area on certain dates from February half-term to the end of March. Please contact Christine Gardner (details below) for specific dates and locations.
- 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 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February, details are available online at [www.reactivatebucks.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:cgardner@buckscc.gov.uk) or 01296 383645.

The Amersham Local Area includes the parishes of Amersham, Chenies, Chesham Bois, Coleshill, and Penn.

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