

BLEDLOW RIDGE HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE



After many years of campaigning your Ridgeway West team are delighted that the Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre reopened in January. It is now open five days a week, closing every Wednesday and Thursday. In the winter it will be open 9am-4pm (Oct-Mar) and in the summer 9am-6pm (Apr-Sep).

- This site, like others across Buckinghamshire is free of charge to visit for Bucks residents, although there are costs for disposing of non-household waste. Residents need to bring proof of address when visiting the site such as:
 - council tax statement
 - utility bill
 - Passport
 - driving licence

Note, waste permits will be needed if residents are visiting in vans, or want to use trailers. Trade waste is not allowed on site, please find an alternative site. We are sure that residents will understand that those living in Oxfordshire will have to pay to use the site with charges starting from approximately £20 per trip for a small car, and nearer £50-60 for a medium-sized car.

Cllr Carl Etholen said, "It has been a long and fraught road to see the recycling centre re-opened and I would like to thank Shade & Robert for their support as well as the numerous Parish Councillors, residents and the late Bill Bendyshe-Brown who have been invaluable. This really was a team effort from everyone involved and we are thrilled to see how well used it has been already."

£5 MILLION EXTRA FOR OUR ROADS

Following the extreme cold temperatures and excessive rainfall over the last few months we have all seen the impact it has had on our roads. Buckinghamshire Council are already part way through their £100 million roads programme over 4 years, but following the extreme weather have committed an extra £5 million in the short term.

Cllr Robert Carington said, "*The extreme weather added to any existing road problems. There are teams out doing immediate, albeit, temporary fixes where needed until the weather improves. With this extra £5million the Council will be able to make additional repairs without impacting the current roads programme.*"

BLEDLOW RIDGE HRC ROUND UP

- IN FEBRUARY THE CHILTERN RANGERS PLANTED 150 METRES OF NATIVE HEDGEROW, WILDFLOWERS AND BIRD AND BAT BOXES WERE INSTALLED
- COWSLIPS, BUCKTHORN AND WYCH ELM ARE JUST SOME OF THE SPECIES PLANTED AT THE SITE TO HELP TACKLE THE BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE CRISES
- AS PART OF THE CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS FCC WILL UNDERTAKE REGULAR LITTER PICKS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY (BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS)
- THE SIGNAGE OUTSIDE WILL BE RECTIFIED TO INCLUDE RIDGE SO IT WILL READ BLEDLOW RIDGE HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE & WILL BE MOVED

KING CHARLES III'S CORONATION CELEBRATION



With HM King Charles' Coronation fast approaching we wanted to make residents aware that if you are planning a street party or a smaller celebration Buckinghamshire Council have a dedicated webpage which also has a diary of events happening across the county.

The Council have waived the fee for any parties/celebrations that are held between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May. If you are having a smaller celebration that doesn't require a street closure then you don't need to inform the Council, but you will need to keep pavements clear to allow residents to move safely along the street.

To find out more please visit
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/celebrating-his-majesty-king-charles-iiis-coronation/>

A number of resources are available to download including kids activity sheets and recipe cards at
<https://coronation.gov.uk/toolkit/>

SURGERY DATES

The team hold regular surgeries across the ward to hear from residents directly. You don't need to book an appointment to attend, however, if you would like to talk privately you can contact the team on team@ridgewaywest.uk.

Surgery dates for the year are below, running from 11am–1pm:

29th April – Stokenchurch Community Library

1st July– Stokenchurch Community Library

5th August– Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

7th October– Stokenchurch Community Library

9th December – Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE'S HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Applications for financial help to the 'Helping Hand' team	£500,000
Digital food vouchers - for eligible nursery & school children and some arrivals from Afghanistan & Ukraine the council is supporting	£820,000
Local community groups delivering free support to residents such as foodbanks	£300,000
Targeted support for priority groups such as Care Leavers & Pensioners through digital vouchers and other schemes	£360,000
Bolster the local crisis fund, which has already raised more than £80,000 in under a month of operation	£250,000

OUR **5** PLEDGES

- 1. HALVE INFLATION**
THIS YEAR TO EASE THE COST OF LIVING AND GIVE PEOPLE FINANCIAL SECURITY
- 2. GROW THE ECONOMY**
CREATING BETTER-PAID JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY RIGHT ACROSS THE COUNTRY
- 3. REDUCE DEBT**
SO WE CAN SECURE THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC SERVICES
- 4. CUT NHS WAITING LISTS**
SO PEOPLE CAN GET THE CARE THEY NEED MORE QUICKLY
- 5. STOP SMALL BOATS**
LAWS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IF YOU COME TO THIS COUNTRY ILLEGALLY, YOU WILL BE SWIFTLY REMOVED

RISHI SUNAK
PRIME MINISTER

NORTH WEST CHILTERN COMMUNITY BOARD

As members of the North West Chilterns Community Board Shade, Robert and Carl (who is deputy chairman) have been involved with helping community groups receive funding as well as setting the priorities for our area.

Recently the Community Board agreed:

- Funding towards a new replacement bus shelter outside the former Kings Hotel in Stokenchurch
- Over £3,500 towards the replacement & insulation of Bledlow Ridge Village Hall's roof a well used and loved community space.
- £5000 towards the Chiltern Farmers Cluster Hedgerow Project in connection with Chilterns AONB
- Almost £8,000 to Active in the Community for their Forever Cycling Project, an initiative for over 50's to increase physical activity levels and combat social isolation and loneliness.



To find out more about your local community board, contact them at:
nwccb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk