

## £70,000 FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

Your Wendover, Halton & Stoke Mandeville team are delighted that following Wendover & Villages Community Board's request to install electric vehicle (EV) in pavement cable channels chargers Buckinghamshire Council received just over £70,000 in funding from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). The money will be used as match-funding for the council's existing £110,000 investment in their Wendover EV pilot scheme. This pilot will not only promote the use of EVs but test which of the options works best for residents whilst delivering value for money.

The scheme will include the installation of approximately 10 on-street lamppost/bollard-style charging points, and around 10 in-pavement cable channels. Both options will offer slow charging suitable for overnight charging of EVs. Once installed, hopefully over the summer, Buckinghamshire Council will monitor and evaluate the use of these chargers for a minimum of two years.

**Cllr Richard Newcombe**, Vice-Chairman of the Wendover & Villages Community Board said, *"It is great to see that Buckinghamshire Council have listened to our Community Board and the great enthusiasm local residents have for this initiative is being rewarded. We wanted to enable houses which do not have driveways to charge their cars overnight without causing a trip hazard. The on-street lampposts are for those where in pavement charging isn't an option, but both should result in residents able to access EV chargers in an easily accessible way."*

## £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, but following the extreme weather have committed an extra £5 million in the short term.

**Cllr Steve Bowles** said, *"The terrible weather has really added to any existing road problems. Transport for Bucks teams have been doing immediate, temporary fixes where needed. This extra £5million will help to make additional repairs without impacting any of the other services within the current roads programme."*

## HELICOPTER PARK REOPENED

Last year the equipment was removed from the 'Helicopter Park' on Princess Mary Gate due to persistent vandalism with no notice to residents. As soon as the team were alerted to the removal they contacted **Rob Butler MP** and he alongside the Parish Council, RAF Halton and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation worked to get this much loved and excellent local amenity back for residents.

**Cllr Peter Strachan** said, *"It was great to attend the official re-opening of the park with Rob Butler in November. We were all shocked when the equipment was removed but I am glad thanks to the work of everyone involved that we were able to get a quick resolution. As a former RAF Wing Commander it is great to see a helicopter back where it should be!"*



## 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 you may need to apply for a temporary road closure. You will need to apply **before 7th April** to Buckinghamshire Council.

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 request an application form you can e-mail [events@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:events@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE'S HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

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| 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 |

You can find out more about other measures & initiatives Buckinghamshire Council is undertaking alongside partners in the voluntary & community sectors at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living)

### 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



## ROB MEETS WITH HS2 COMMISSIONERS

At the end of December Aylesbury MP **Rob Butler** had a wide ranging meeting in Parliament with HS2 Independent Construction Commissioner Sir Mark Worthington & HS2 Independent Residents' Commissioner Lord Jackson, following their visit to Wendover.

Rob said, "I highlighted the continuing difficulties around noise, the possible damage to the aquifer and ongoing traffic disruption in Aylesbury, Wendover & Stoke Mandeville. I was pleased to hear how keen the Commissioners are to help, and – like me – hold HS2 Ltd's feet to the fire. We agreed that the company and its contractors need to improve the way they engage with local residents and businesses to ensure they're treated with respect. HS2 Ltd must uphold its own commitment to be a good neighbour – that includes listening to complaints and acting to put them right".