



Elmhurst MATTERS

FROM YOUR WATERMEAD & ELMHURST CONSERVATIVE COUNCILLOR
Alan Ward



WINTER WARMTH APPEAL

From January to 31st March Aylesbury Homeless Action Group will be running an emergency shelter in partnership with Aylesbury Churches, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Bucks County Council and Thames Valley Police. If someone is at risk of having to sleep outside this winter they can go to Aylesbury Vale District Council, High Street between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday–Friday. If someone needs help a weekend or Bank Holiday they should go to Aylesbury Police Station before 3.30pm.

Concerned local resident Edward Sims said “The winter warmth scheme provides people with shelter on a nightly basis, a hot



LEFT: Edward Sims packing donations for the winter warmth appeal. Donations were collected at Aylesbury Town Council at the end of January.

evening meal and breakfast for free. I think the volunteers are doing a great job and Aylesbury Homeless Action Group should be commended for everything they have done to help the people of Aylesbury who have hit hard times.”

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL: DELIVERING THE THINGS THAT MATTER TO YOU

- 1 Road Repairs** Since 2011 the County Council has spent £30m on road repairs with an additional £25m pledged to continue this process.
- 2 Strong Education Results** Education results in Bucks are amongst the highest in the country both at primary and secondary level.
- 3 Good Care for Those in Need** The County Council continues to provide quality support for the most vulnerable, particularly the young and the elderly.

REDUCED CONCESSIONARY FARES ON OUR TRAINS

Thomas Hickman’s Charity working with Aylesbury MP David Lidington were able to negotiate with Chiltern Railways for reduced off-peak rail fares for those who are entitled to concessionary off-peak travel on public transport already. For journeys on the whole of Chiltern network between Aylesbury & London Marylebone via Amersham and to Birmingham & Wycombe via Princes Risborough Aylesbury town residents need only present their concessionary passes and proof of their address at Aylesbury Station, in the Town Centre and the appropriate endorsement will be made.

David Lidington said, “I would like to thank the Thomas Hickman’s Charity and Chiltern Railways for negotiating such a successful deal for Aylesbury town residents. In fact the charity was able to negotiate for this to be extended to the residents of the parishes of Watermead, Coldharbour, Stoke Mandeville and Buckingham Park, which is a major success.”



Local MP David Lidington with Elmhurst & Watermead Councillor Alan Ward

HELP FOR JOBS

Bucks County Council is a founder member of the Local Enterprise Partnership which includes businesses and education and training institutions. The Council is committed to strengthening the local economy and increasing growth and jobs. The Council aims to introduce high-speed broadband throughout the county. It also supports apprenticeships for young people; the council has already introduced 30 apprenticeships in its own offices.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON CRIME & POLICE PLAN



PCC Anthony Stansfeld would like your views on his Police & Crime Plan

Newly elected Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld has set out his draft Police & Crime Plan and would like your feedback. The plan sets out Anthony's priorities and objectives and how he intends to deliver on them during his time in office. The role of Police & Crime Commissioner covers both policing and crime and Anthony worked closely with the Chief Constable, Sara Thornotn and community safety partners to ensure the plan reflects not only his election promises but hoe they will all work together to prevent and reduce crime, making the Thames Valley a safer place to live and work.

To read the plan in full and to respond to the Plan you can visit www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk. You can also e-mail Anthony at pcc@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or write to him at **Office of Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, The Farmhouse, Police Headquarters, Kidlington, OX5 2NX.**

WASTE COLLECTION

As you know in September last year AVDC changed the waste collection system so homes can now put all recyclable items into one bin (with a blue lid), non-recyclables in the green bin and food waste into the food caddy. Food waste is collected every week and recyclables/non-recyclables collected alternative weeks.

The new system has drastically improved the amount of recycling within Aylesbury Vale increasing our recycling rate from 17% to 56% The feedback from residents has been very positive and other than the initial switchover and disruptions with the snow Alan hasn't received a single complaint.

Cllr Alan Ward said, "Everyone I speak to is pleased with the new bin system, I know myself that the new system is much easier now especially as we can recycle cardboard. The food recycling is a great success with 510 tonnes being collected a month, enough to power 300 homes! "

If you have any questions about you collection day you can contact the **waste helpline** on **01296 585510**.



The new AVDC bin system

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