

Huge thanks for all her support and good luck in the new job at Bucks Council to Helen Cavill.



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The Hughenden Street Association vision:

For community life in Hughenden Parish to become better connected, supportive/supported, stronger and friendlier so that all residents are involved in it to the level they desire. This means working to create safer and connected communities encouraging residents to identify the needs of their neighbours to help them engage in the community. The Association has a key role to play in helping develop links to existing facilities whilst also working to support community groups to reach out to as many residents as possible.

So much has been achieved by the Street Association with more still to do together. Take a look: <http://bit.ly/2Skst40>

Making the Vision real.....

100+ members represent the Association across an average of 60% of roads in the parish. The challenge is now to increase this figure so that everyone knows about the Association and how it helps residents access relevant information and activities on an on-going basis.

Hughenden is fortunate to have so many different groups – as shown in the **Buckinghamshire Council Directory** and the Covid19 pandemic created yet more which have really connected with residents particularly those who are shielding as well as older folk who would otherwise feel even more isolated without the regular telephone call, shopping and prescriptions delivery to their door by volunteers. This is exactly the sort of community activity that the Association was set up to encourage and has been supporting. **Working together is an important part of the Association's vision and mission.**

The community profile perhaps sheds some light on future priorities:

- ❑ 18% aged 1-15 (1,485)
- ❑ 57% are of working age (4,765)
- ❑ 25% aged 65+ (2,085)

In addition, 10% of households are lone parent families with dependents (105) with a further 26% pensioner households (845) and finally there are 230 one-person households aged under 65. Source: OCSI, Local Insight.

The pandemic has highlighted what we might do next. Young people have been affected – their mental health was highlighted in a newsletter; Older people may be unknowingly living with dementia; adult (children) may not know how to spot the signs of dementia and loneliness may have returned as volunteers return to their normal lives.

There is so much that the Association's resources can do to help address all of these issues ideally with groups across each Ward: residents associations, village halls and volunteers who responded so positively to the pandemic and wish to continue to volunteer.

REQUEST: Cars should be parked legally. Please do not park on pavements. People need safe access around their area.

Hughenden Street Association activities so far.....

- **Monday Mingle** at the Bon Ami Café in Naphill
- **Lunch Club** at the Harrow pub in Hughenden Valley
- **One Can Trust** collection points across the parish
- Representing the Association to key public bodies including **Hughenden Parish Council** and **Buckinghamshire Council**
- Creating relationships with **Neighbourhood Watch** and **Thames Valley Police**
- **Workshops** on key topics including: spotting doorstep scams, living with dementia, domestic abuse
- **Presentations** at various community groups across the parish
- Promoting **keep fit events**: Bollywood dancing, father & child badminton, social bike riding and mens fitness.



What is going on now?

In **Widmer End** to keep the community spirit going a **Scarecrow Competition** has been launched.

Residents are being encouraged to make and display theirs with the judges coming by in early July. Not to be outdone, Anne Smart, **Hughenden Valley Ward Lead** is launching a **'Gals, Guys and Kiddies'**

competition. For more information please contact Anne (E: annesmart888@msn.com OR 01494 568643). St Michael's & All Angels church will be actively supporting Anne which is great news.

Watch this space for events going on elsewhere!

How you can help

It really is quite simple: **HSA members** need to talk about **Hughenden Street Association** to their neighbours. Now would be a good time to pop a refresher letter through your neighbours doors to remind them that you are there to help. For residents who know little about **HSA** please view the video mentioned above, take a look at last week's newsletter and then get in touch with Hilda Stearn who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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