

South Bucks Community and Wellbeing Plan Annual Review 2018-19



SOUTH BUCKS
District Council



Aim 1: Facilitating community participation, engagement and action, through established and new community networks, to develop sustainable communities.

Action	Progress
1. Build community infrastructure and resilience through working with the towns and parishes, community associations and community groups.	A member of the Communities team attends the SBDC Parish Clerks meeting on a regular basis to advise on local projects and potential funding opportunities. During 2018 events have included advice workshops to support Town and Parish Councils access funding to improve local open spaces and park areas and grants to commemorate the WW1 centenary which have included festivals, memorials and intergenerational activities.
2. Promote opportunities for communities to become more involved in the prevention of crime, and or support environmental, heritage and wellbeing community events.	The Community Safety team has worked with Thames Valley Police, local Housing Associations, residents and Councillors to carry out environmental visual audits in areas where crime and anti-social behaviour have been reported. As a result, litter picks have taken place, street name plates have been replaced, street lighting has been fixed and neighbourhood watch schemes established. We are also working closely with Bucks County Council and Trading Standards to try and establish Street Associations.
3. Support the CCG community engagement strategy and Buckinghamshire County Council's Local Area Forum (LAFs) priority themes joining up projects and initiatives to improve local services.	The Communities Team attend the South Bucks Local Area Forums on a needs basis.
4. Work in partnership with Community Impact Bucks to improve volunteer recruitment and voluntary organisations' access to information, advice, support and training in fundraising, creating social enterprises and good governance.	SBDC supports the existence of Community Impact Bucks through the "Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Contract", awarding an annual grant of £8,708. The council works closely with the organisation to support the voluntary and community sector hosting and promoting their community sector surgeries, advertising their other training events and working with them at strategic level.
5. Run an annual community awards event to celebrate the contribution of local volunteers across South Bucks.	Hosted a successful event which awarded 8 individuals and groups with each receiving a trophy and a membership from GLL.
6. Deliver the council's community grants scheme and support community organisations to deliver local initiatives that improve the quality of life for residents across the district.	In 2018/19 grants were delivered in partnership with Heart of Bucks, £18,093 to 16 organisations across South Bucks. The Chiltern and South Bucks lottery was launched in November 2017 and supports 53 organisations from across the district; to date over £32,000 has been raised for these causes.

<p>7. Continue to support the local Citizen Advice Bureau service.</p>	<p>We make a community grant award of £42,023 so that they can provide their vital advisory services to all South Bucks residents. Services provided at Capswood 3 days a week, with outreach in Burnham. Denham, Farnham, Iver and Gerrards Cross. Links to these services are provided on the SBDC website.</p> <p>In 2018/19 South Bucks CAB supported 2,253 new clients and dealt with 2,715 enquiries. The service prevented 127 people/families from homelessness, secured £195,986 in benefits and wrote of £108,544 of debit for clients.</p>
<p>8. Support the Armed Services Community Covenant so that Service families are more integrated into the wider community.</p>	<p>We are an active member of the Armed Forces Covenant (see action plan link) http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/ArmedForces.</p> <p>As active representatives of the covenant forum, our Armed Forces Champion continues to ensure that the local authority achieves its commitments to the armed forces Community.</p> <p>The World War One special small grant scheme had a positive impact across the District enabling local communities to recognise and reflect on the enormous contribution of the Armed Forces locally.</p>
<p>9. Support the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, Street Associations and Good Neighbour Schemes to help build resilient communities.</p>	<p>A number of new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes have been established over the past year – and we have had some excellent support from new Area NHW Co-ordinators.</p> <p>Communities Officers regularly attend good neighbour scheme meetings offering support and guidance.</p> <p>We work closely with Bucks County Council and Trading Standards to establish a Street Association in Burnham and this work will continue in 2019-20.</p>

Aim 2: Supporting services that improve opportunities for older people to live fuller, safer, more active and ultimately more fulfilling life styles and become more integrated into local communities.by

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1. Support Older Persons' Action Groups to help provide opportunities for older people to socialise, access relevant information, advice and access appropriate services.	Continue to promote these groups via the Older people guides and to advise and support local groups with funding opportunities to ensure sustainability.
2. Support Bucks County Council Prevention Matters project which identifies those at risk of isolation and direct them to voluntary sector and statutory support.	Continue to forge strong links with the Prevention Matters Community practice workers under new organisational structure with Connection Support. Raised awareness of service to key partners and continue to work in collaboration on the "Ageing population task and finish group" and the Street Associations project.
3. Enable communities to get involved in volunteering, intergenerational activities, Street Associations and Good Neighbour Schemes in order to reduce social isolation.	<p>The Community Safety team regularly promote the positive reasons for being a part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and/ or Street Association and are proud to work extremely closely with some fantastic Area NHW Co-ordinators who are actively recruiting new volunteers.</p> <p>In addition through Community Cards, Year 6 pupils collect an intergenerational sticker after carrying out an activity that fits this criteria.</p> <p>We have supported the development of Good Neighbour schemes in Iver and Denham.</p>
4. Support the development/continuation of community based transport schemes.	The Ivers Good Neighbours scheme (community car scheme) continues to thrive with over 100 registered members. The Communities team continue to keep in touch with its progress as well as sending the Chairman information on new funding opportunities.
5. Guides to services for older people developed for Beeches area, Beaconsfield, Gerrards Cross and Denham, Wexham and Iver.	Guides for the Beeches area, Wexham and Iver, Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross and Denham are being distributed across the district.
6. Address the loneliness experienced by some care home residents by encouraging local neighbourhood residents, schools, youth clubs and voluntary groups to engage with care homes.	Now in its second year the Friends and Neighbours (FaNs) voluntary group covers both districts (SBDC and CDC) incorporating five care homes; Swarthmore, Buckingham House, Rushymead, Windsor Lodge and Chalfont Lodge. The FaNs group continue to attend Chalfont Leisure Centre participating in various activities (tennis, Boccia, badminton, seated exercise and use of adapted gym equipment) during holiday/ low peak periods which enables the residents to socialise with other residents and members of staff. Moving forward the group wish to expand this invite to the younger people of South Bucks, with autism, their parents and carers who are part of the National Society

	of Autism and invite them to join the residents in a range of activities.
7. Support the local Citizen Advice Bureau to extend its outreach support across the District.	<p>The Communities team make a community grant award of £42,023 so that they can provide their vital advisory services to all South Bucks residents.</p> <p>Services provided at Capswood 3 days a week, with outreach in Burnham. Denham, Farnham, Iver and Gerrards Cross. Links to these services are provided on the SBDC website.</p> <p>In 2018/19 South Bucks CAB worked with 2,253 new clients with 2,715 enquiries. They prevented 127 people/families from homelessness, secured £195,986 in benefits and wrote of £108,544 of debit for clients.</p>
8. Operate regular community safety awareness events to improve home security, reduce scams and doorstep crime, and reduce the fear of crime amongst elderly residents.	<p>The Community Safety team have held a number of crime reduction events across the District during 2018-19 These have included spring crime / shed break –in events at garden centres, summer and winter burglary crime reduction stands within supermarkets etc.</p> <p>We have also launched Operation Gauntlet in partnership with the police, Trading Standards and NatWest to raise awareness of phone scams. A number of coffee mornings and care homes have been visited.</p>
9. Develop and support activities that encourage greater interaction between older and younger people, including events related to commemorating the Word Wars, local history projects, environmental initiatives, using Information Technology or addresses social isolation.	<p>In support of the landmark year, South Bucks District Council contributed £1,000 to the Countywide WW1 centenary event held in Aylesbury.</p> <p>To commemorate the centenary of WW1 a special small grants scheme was launched in October 2018 inviting Town and Parish Councils and community groups to apply for funding of up to £300 per project. All seven applications received funding which totalled £1,250. The projects covered a range of special activities, from beacons of light and inter-generational public speaking events through to the displaying of commemorative flags and soldier silhouettes in high streets and village greens. This scheme also helped lever additional external funding from other sources including the Royal British Legion and local Town and Parish Councils.</p>
10. Promote and develop Community Impact Bucks Pub lunch clubs.	<p>The pub lunch scheme is advertised in the Older People Service Guides which have been updated and hardcopies distributed in the relevant wards. Copies can also be found online in PDF format by visiting the following pages: https://www.southbucks.gov.uk/guides-to-services-for-older-people and also available from the Communities team by emailing:</p>

	Community@chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk and asking for a copy to be sent.
11. Support the development of Dementia-friendly communities and promote the Safe Place scheme.	The Safe Place Scheme is refreshed annually and we have 73 businesses who are now part of it. For a full list visit www.southbucks.gov.uk/safeplacescheme
12. Assist older people to access local community based activities through the GLL BETTER outreach programme e.g. Tai Chi in Burnham Library, Walking Football in Burnham and Stoke Poges, promotion of their 50+ programme at the Beacon Leisure Centre (Short mat bowls, Badminton, Walking Football and Pickleball) as well as the annual Club Games for the Over 50s.	Weekly session of Tai Chi in Burnham (x2 sessions per week) with average 12 participants per session. Weekly walking football session in Burnham with average attendance of 10 per week 50+ programmes at Beacon includes Pickleball, Table Tennis (x2), Walking Football, Walking Netball, Falls Prevention, all are sessions that run for 1 hour per week.
13. Support GLL BETTER to deliver the "Healthwise" programme which is the GP referral scheme offering exercise, weight management and falls prevention programmes. Healthwise also provides opportunities for physical activity to Live Well Stay Well service users. Weight management provided by Slimming World is now offered the service.	Through 2018-19 there were a total of 49 referrals to Healthwise resulting in 41 New Starters to the Exercise on Referral programme in South Bucks. The service covers the South Bucks district. Detailed quarterly and End of Year reports are available upon request.
14. Raise community awareness of the need to safeguard vulnerable adults and to report concerns as they arise, signposting the voluntary sector to suitable safeguarding training.	Voluntary sector enquiries are signposted to the CIB website. The gap in provision of adult safeguarding training for the voluntary sector has been raised with CIB.
15. Address housing conditions and safe access to housing through the provision of disabled facility grants and assistance to tackle cold homes.	Housing Standards team provided grants for adaptations to 49 homes in 2018 – 19 and also gave further 5 grants and loans for essential home repair works, including replacement central heating boilers. The Council also supported the Affordable Warmth Network which provides free advice on reducing energy bills and makes referrals to grant schemes for heating and insulation improvements. In 2018-19, 92 households were supported, installing 116 energy saving measures.

Aim 3: Improving the health and well-being of the population and reducing health inequalities.

Action	Progress
1. To support the Healthy Communities Partnership Board deliver its strategic priorities through Buckinghamshire Health & Well-being Strategy.	Supported the development of the new Bucks Physical Activity strategy which includes implementing an action plan to facilitate more active communities and improving local leisure facilities. Projects include the development of the new country park in Stoke Poges.
2. Support the continuation of activities resulting from the Public Health's Active Bucks programme and encourage adults to become more active.	Successfully supported the roll out of the Active Bucks programme delivering a range of new activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoga Denham x2 • Pilates GX x3 • Yoga GX x1 • Circuit fitness Iver x1 • Circuit fitness Wexham x1 • Playball Beaconsfield x2 • Walking football Burnham and Beaconsfield x1 • Table Tennis Beaconsfield x2 • Tai Chi Burnham x1
3. By 2020 attract 220,000 annual visits in South Buck's leisure centre facilities.	On track to reach the 220,00 throughput target for 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evreham 41,242 annual visits in 2018-19 47,876 • Beacon 126,847 annual visits in 2018-19 138,582 • Total: 186,458 visits
4. Enable communities to become active and reduce the risk of social isolation by the provision of community events at Beacon and Evreham Leisure Centres and the Curzon Centre Beaconsfield.	Community events included Iver Family Fun Day & Burnham Wellbeing Fete. Discounted activities to be provided at both the Evreham Centre & Beacon Centre which include a group circuit class, pilates and No Strings Badminton at Evreham; Pickleball, No Strings Badminton & Table Tennis at Beacon.
5. Provision of The South Buckinghamshire Golf course and redevelopment of the original Golf Academy site into the new Stoke Poges Country Park	Work has commenced to create the new facility including new cycle track, jogging paths, children's play facilities, café and rooms for community use. Works are scheduled to be completed in early 2021. https://www.southbucks.gov.uk/article/9036/New-country-park-for-South-Bucks-is-granted-planning-permission-
Provision of Farnham Park Playing Field – Softball and football pitches.	Feasibility study completed detailing options to redevelop the site including full size ATP, new changing rooms and bar/club house facilities. Project has secured from Sport England, Football Association, decision as how to progress to be decided through the new Unitary Council
7. Support the Simply Walks initiative to attract 1000 additional walk participants from 2016 to 2018 as well as supporting other community walk initiatives.	Partnership funding of £1k to support the Simply Walks scheme. In 2018/19 there were 20 walks undertaken across the district attracting 6,695 visits.

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8. Undertake a South Bucks-wide leisure needs assessment to determine future indoor leisure needs between 2020 -2045	This completed strategy is available on the Council's website. www.southbucks.gov.uk/sports_facility_strategy
9. Use the key findings of the leisure needs assessment to develop a cohesive leisure facilities strategy identifying the key developments 2020-2045.	Key projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment of golf academy site into a new Country Park • Redevelopment of Farnham Park playing fields • Potential re-provision of Evreham centre post 2021subject to if the centre continuing to operate
10. Support Community and health activities e.g. health and wellbeing fairs, dementia awareness events, promoting healthy lifestyles.	Delivered Dementia- Friendly Golf activities with South Buckinghamshire Golf Course and Alzheimer's society.
11. Manage the provision of a workplace health and wellbeing programme including physical activity and alternative therapies such as lunchtime walks, yoga, Pilates, acupuncture massage and reflexology.	Workplace health month - The programme included acupuncture, reflexology, choir, walking groups and climbing, spin and boxfit sessions. 50 staff attended the sessions. NHS health checks were also provided: 12 members of staff booked in for a free NHS health check.
12. Assisting communities to deliver against the Open Space strategy - Play areas, playing pitches nature parks & outdoor education	The Open Space Strategy was adopted in 2018 supporting a range of, community groups and sports clubs access funding to improve facilities. groups
13. Providing advice and assistance to reduce debt and manage finances through the operation of the CAB and the promotion of the South Buckinghamshire Community Bank (part of the M for Money Credit Union).	The following actions have been taken to raise awareness of the credit union: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion to community groups during Loan Shark week in December. • CDC and SBDC receptions as well as staff notice boards topped up with latest CU promotional material. • Article written throughout the year for internal and external newsletters. • Community Card sticker sent to 23 schools and talks delivered in schools as part of the Community Card scheme.
14. Support voluntary run sports, leisure & culture groups including community associations and their activity programmes, libraries, youth clubs, older persons clubs.	Through the South Bucks community grants scheme administrated by Heart of Bucks, sixteen community groups were awarded a total of £18,093 Examples of projects were; Relate Mid Thames and Buckinghamshire who were awarded £1,100 to offer a bursary scheme for South Bucks Clients requiring

	counselling. Friendly bombs theatre company provide people with a learning disability an experience of classic theatre. They were awarded £ 1,500 as contributions towards transportation cost, costumes and set props.
15. Work in partnership with Thames Valley Police and other key partners to reduce crime and disorder and raise awareness of the risk of abuse in all its forms.	Worked with Bucks County Council and Willow Project (victim exploitation service) to offer modern slavery awareness training to all front line staff within the District Councils and key partner agencies. In addition, many other types of awareness raising training is offered to key staff including child exploitation, domestic violence and abuse training and safeguarding adults.
16. Maintain the 'Safe Place Scheme' in Beaconsfield, Holtspur, Burnham, Farnham Common, Gerrards Cross, Iver, Iver Heath and Richings Park.	All areas have been refreshed this year. For a full list of businesses visit www.southbucks.gov.uk/safeplacescheme
17. Support the delivery of Bucks County Council's Prevention Matters scheme.	Continue to forge strong links with the Prevention Matters Community practice workers under new organisational structure with Connection Support. Raised awareness of service to key partners and promote via the older people guides. Continue to work in collaboration on the Street Associations project.
18. Support businesses improvement and growth through advice, coaching and publication of food hygiene ratings. Support businesses to provide nutritional menus through the "Eat Out Eat Well" scheme.	The Councils promote the 'Eat Out Eat Well' in Bucks scheme when running and also publish and push for improvements to food hygiene ratings with businesses.
19. Build an effective Local Air Quality partnership to review and enhance the air quality action plan improving air quality and reducing NOx and CO2 emissions within the district.	The Council works with a wide range of partners on the regional scale to feed into initiatives and strategy that looks to improve air quality. The Bucks Air Quality Management Group has been re-vitalised and this compliments local action delivery.
20. Provide housing advice and assistance to prevent homelessness or maintain decent housing standards or support households to access disability adaptations.	During 2018/19, the Council investigated 47 complaints of unsatisfactory housing and carried out 87 proactive inspections of Houses in Multiple Occupation, to ensure decent housing standard are met. The Housing Standards team also provided grants and loans for adaptations and essential repair works (see Aim 2, item 15). During 2018/19, South Bucks DC supported 120 households who were subject to the statutory homelessness prevention duty or homelessness relief duty. The Council continued to provide funding to South Bucks CAB and Padstones to deliver homelessness advice and prevention to South Bucks residents. The Council also progressed the development of a new 12 unit temporary accommodation scheme to provide good quality emergency housing as an alternative to nightly booked

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	bed and breakfast accommodation.
21. Improve safeguarding of the general public by enforcing regulatory controls and the use of health impact assessment tools to better protect the environment and human health.	The Council has worked with major infrastructure providers such as Heathrow to check and challenge health impact assessments. This has included meeting with them to explore health variables, distances of impact and model parameters.

Aim 4: Providing an environment for young people to enjoy, stay safe, be healthy, active, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well-being.

Action	Progress
1. Utilise the Recreation and Open Space Strategy to support local community groups and parish councils improve play provision	Strategy formally adopted by SBDC in October 2018 and circulated/promoted to local community groups/Town and Parish Councils to support funding bids improve local provision.
2. Continue to provide junior courses at Evreham and Beacon Leisure Centres e.g. trampolining, football and basketball.	Junior courses running in trampolining, basketball and playball.
3. Through our partnership with BETTER provide activities for 16-25 year olds: e.g. dance, basketball, gym studio at Evreham and Beacon leisure centres as well as organising the inter-school rowing tournament. Also provide inclusive activities for children and young people with physical and learning difficulties.	Bucks "girls can" sports festival (100 girls) ran at Evreham with exit routes to local sessions. Inclusive of girls with learning difficulties. Sportivate funding secured to deliver Zumba Classes at the Evreham Centre to engage 16-25 year old girls.
4. Offer discounted community rates across South Bucks leisure centres for local clubs' junior sections through different promotional packages and campaigns.	BETTER monthly targeted campaigns and block booking discounts. Concessionary and Inclusive memberships. Discounted prices on new community classes with FREE taster sessions.
5. Run discounted school holiday activity programmes in South Buck's leisure centres in partnership with BETTER.	Programme run in conjunction with 360 gymnastics and Wycombe Wanderers Football Club.
6. Alert local youth clubs to new funding opportunities and provide project advice where required.	Youth clubs informed of funding available for summer diversionary work from the District Council. Other external funding opportunities sent to them on a regular basis.
7. Host the South Bucks Community Awards ceremony including a category for young people.	Community Awards held April 2018 at South Bucks District Council. There were 8 winners celebrated with approximately 75 people in attendance.
8. In Partnership with BETTER, local secondary schools and other key educational establishments, expand apprenticeship opportunities for young people aged between 18 – 25 years.	GLL BETTER, our leisure provider, offers apprenticeships in the following skill areas: Tennis coach; Recreation Assistant; Fitness Instructor; Customer Service; Lifeguarding; Swim Teacher and Management.
9. Work in partnership with BETTER, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Sports Partnership (LEAP), and other voluntary sector organisations to increase levels of physical activity of young people.	Successfully delivered the South Bucks Community Engagement plan that attracted over 3,000 participant visits in a range of activities for older and younger people. Satellite club funding utilised to develop new after school clubs at local secondary schools.

<p>10. Promote the existence of local safeguarding training including Prevent to adults working with and for young people.</p>	<p>There is a countywide PREVENT training plan which staff utilise. Local Safeguarding enquiries are signposted to Action For Youth. PREVENT training delivered to L&Q Housing Association staff as part of a multi-agency safeguarding training day.</p>
<p>11. Through our Community Safety team, help prevent child sexual exploitation, drug and alcohol abuse, bike theft and all forms of abuse via mobile phones, social media and the internet.</p>	<p>The Community Safety team has worked closely with the local police neighbourhood teams to raise awareness of these issues – in particular through the community cards scheme to Year 6 pupils.</p>
<p>12. Deliver the Community Card Scheme in primary schools encouraging health and wellbeing, community integration, cyber safety and money management.</p>	<p>23 schools across both Chiltern and South Bucks took part in the scheme during 2018-19.</p>
<p>13. On-going training of taxi-drivers in relation to safeguarding and the prevention of child sexual exploitation.</p>	<p>During 2018/2019 the Licensing team trained the remaining taxi drivers in the promotion of safeguarding and the prevention of child sexual exploitation. As such the whole of the South Bucks trade have now received the training and are aware of the different forms of abuse, how to spot the indicators and how to report concerns. Over the coming year, the Licensing team will be delivering the first wave of refresher training sessions through our new training provider CYP First. This will be a gradual process to provide refresher training to the drivers that attended our earliest sessions.</p>

Aim 5: Helping to stimulate and support a vibrant local economy whilst protecting the local environment.

Action	Progress
<p>1. Support the delivery of Chiltern and South Bucks joint Local Plan, a document that forms part of the South Bucks Development Framework that sets out the Council's broad planning policies for achieving sustainable development in the district up to 2036.</p>	<p>The Open Space Strategy was formally adopted helping inform the new Local Plan. A number of consultation meetings were held in January 2019 to local community groups, sports clubs and Town and Parish Councils to raise awareness of the strategy and access information from external funding providers such as; Heart of Bucks, Community Impact Bucks and Heathrow Community fund.</p>
<p>2. Support the delivery of the Chiltern and South Bucks Economic Development Strategy which has the vision of creating a District with "prosperous and diverse economies that encourage local employers and small businesses".</p>	<p>A new Economic Development Team appointed in July 2018 to deliver the Chiltern and South Bucks Economic Development Strategy. The initial focus has been on business engagement – understanding who our businesses are, opportunities and challenges they face and how the council (and partners) can support them.</p> <p>Annual Business Event held in November 2018 which attracted over 70 businesses; created the Economic Development Newsletter and dedicated Twitter account;</p>

	<p>and have engaged with a number of businesses (predominately small and micro businesses) through attendance at networking events and working with partner organisations (including Bucks Business First, , Federation of Small Businesses).</p> <p>Supported and promoted the 'Be Your Own Boss' scheme. From September 2018 to April 2019, 10 individuals from Chiltern and South Bucks attended the BYOB Enterprise Day; 8 attended the two-day course and two have undertaken a start-up review</p>
3. Promote local events and high street diversification that will encourage greater footfall in the district's high streets e.g. Small Business Saturday / Chinese New Year / St George's Day/ pre-Christmas activities.	Supporting several town and parish councils and business groups to improve town centres. The focus has moved from the support of specific events to broader engagement, aimed at resolving some of the issues town centre businesses are facing and encouraging businesses to work together for the benefit of their town. For example, currently working with Gerrards Cross Town Council to establish a town centre business group. We have also engaged with existing business groups, including Beaconsfield 4 Business and the Burnham Business Association.
4. Work with Parish Councils, business associations and community groups to convert tourist day visits to overnight stays.	Discussions have been held with Visit Bucks, looking at ways to support tourism across the district. The Economic Development Team will be offering financial support to Visit Bucks in 2019/20 for the provision of specific activities.
5. Support the development of broadband and mobile technologies as they are introduced into the District.	The Economic Development Team are represented on the Digital Infrastructure Group, led by the Bucks Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (BTVLEP). Also we continue to work closely with the Broadband Programme Manager at the LEP to address queries relating to broadband and connectivity.
6. Reduce carbon emissions from South Bucks District Council's operations.	The Council continues to reduce its carbon emissions and the 2018 report can be viewed at http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/sustainability
7. Actively promote the Flexible Loan scheme to householders and local traders helping support older people access low interest loans to undertake home repairs, adaptations and improve security.	The Flexible Home Improvement Loan scheme remained available for local residents although no new loans were approved during 2018/19.
8. Promote and support schemes to enable homeless and key workers secure housing they can afford (including the private rented sector).	SBDC supported the delivery of 77 additional affordable homes by Registered Providers including 73 new build properties for rent or shared ownership or and 4 properties acquired for letting. The work of SBDC and its partners also helped to prevent an estimated 62 households from becoming homeless (including support to retain their home or secure alternative housing)

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<p>9. Work to return empty homes to use, revitalise the areas of poorer housing and work wherever possible to return vacant employment sites or contaminated land sites to use.</p>	<p>A flexible home improvement loan is available to owners of empty homes to with the cost of works required to bring the home back to use. There was no uptake in 2018/19.</p>
<p>10. Provide opportunities for local businesses to access food safety, licensing, and health and safety courses targeted to their needs.</p>	<p>Provided new taught health and safety courses for businesses. These include a range of levels such as 'Managing Safely' and 'Leading Safely'. The Council also now provides electronic online food training opportunities that match what is required following food safety inspections. Online demonstration clips and information are also provided on site during visits.</p>
<p>11. Work in partnership to improve energy efficiency, identify and implement greener travel initiatives and identify ways in which we can live more sustainably within the District.</p>	<p>Community energy representatives are invited to take part in the energy and resource management group meetings held quarterly to share opportunities and learning. This has however been more of a challenge as there has been a national reduction of incentives for community energy projects.</p>
<p>12. Work with partners and the community to reduce CO2 emissions and the impact of climate change.</p>	<p>Strategic Environment Officers attend these meetings and pro-actively work with communities on a range of sustainable initiatives including collective switching initiatives and identifying opportunities for renewable energy schemes.</p>
<p>13. Ensure that national infrastructure projects (HS2, Crossrail, Western Rail Link to Heathrow, Heathrow Expansion, M4 Smart Motorways etc.) are managed sustainably and enhance local economies.</p>	<p>The Strategic Environment Officers and partners have continued to check and challenge each of the infrastructure projects and have spent significant time in trying to influence their sustainability at both the regional and local scales. This includes providing expert advice in relation to topics such as air quality, land quality, noise, vibration, water etc.</p>

Aim 6: Encourage collective working to promote and support the rich and diverse wealth of cultural heritage in South Bucks.

Action	Progress
<p>1. Support community groups across South Bucks commemorate the Word War I Centenary.</p>	<p>WW1 Centenary - opportunity for communities to mark this legacy. The Council contributed £1,000 towards the Countywide WW1 centenary event held in Aylesbury, on Sunday 11th November 2018. At a local district level ran a special small grants scheme inviting Town and Parish Councils and community groups to apply for funding (up to £300) to help commemorate WW1 centenary. The projects included beacons of light, inter-generational public speaking events, displaying of commemorative flags and soldier silhouettes in high streets and village greens.</p>
<p>2. Enable communities to take ownership of their environment e.g. community managed</p>	<p>Continuation of funding for Simply Walks programme and continued growth in uptake in the</p>

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<p>foot paths and woodland, promoting "Walkers are welcome" routes.</p>	<p>programme.</p> <p>The Open Space Strategy provides a detailed audit of local walking routes including access, signage and the overall condition This information will help local Parish Councils/community groups lever in external funding.</p>
<p>3. Help to preserve the character of our landscapes and conservation areas by working in partnership with local conservation groups.</p>	<p>In 2017 this work was undertaken by the Strategic Environment and HS2 teams.</p>