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## Register to bid for shares in the Seven Stars

Twelve years ago the local community came together to save the Seven Stars pub.

This proved to be a very successful community project and it secured a precious asset for the future. In order to preserve the community aspect to this venture, we would like to invite members of the parish to bid for any shares when they become available.

If you are interested, please send your name and email address to [the.board@ssdlimited.uk](mailto:the.board@ssdlimited.uk).

We will then advise you when shares become available and include you in the sealed bidding process.



## PARISH COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & LITTER PICK

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**MEETING: 9.30am - Dinton Village Hall**

Please come and join us for a  
Community Clean up and Litter Pick

Please bring your own gloves and dress accordingly.  
Please adhere to any safety advice and most of all – enjoy the  
community activity.

The Parish Council will provide  
litter pickers and bin bags



## Dinton Village Hall 100 Club Update March 2024

We're coming up to the first year anniversary of the Dinton Village Hall 100 Club and are asking you to continue your membership when the next year starts in April.

The membership costs £36 per year.

Thank you to the many members who have already set up a standing order for this and to those who have already renewed. We would ask those members who may previously have paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer to arrange their renewal (preferably by standing order).

The bank details are:

Account : Lloyds Bank Dinton Village Hall Power Fund Account

Sort code : 30 98 56

Account number: 30386160



There are two main draws per year, with £325 of prizes won in each draw. Congratulations go to the prize winners who were drawn out of the hat at the Village Hall event on 24<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall

1<sup>st</sup> prize £150 Leif Hytten

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £100 Barbara Green

3<sup>rd</sup> prize £75 Chantal Heath

(Chantal very kindly refused to accept the prize and asked for the money to be put back into the Village Hall funds. Thank you Chantal!)

If you want any more information or want to join the 100 Club to help support the running costs of the Village Hall, please contact:

Nick Cottman, Treasurer, Homelea, High St, Dinton HP17 8UN

Tel 01296 748894 - [nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com](mailto:nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com)

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE HALL & THE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB**



### Dinton Village Hall:

**Suitable for parties and all types of get-togethers.**

For all enquiries for the Village Hall please contact the Bookings Secretary:  
**Honor Vane, Summers Cottage, Dinton, HP17 8UG - 01296 748177**

### DINTON PLAYGROUND PLAQUES - Children's Name Plaques

If you would like to mark the birth, or other event, of your children/grandchildren, you can purchase a plaque to be installed in the playground in the Parish Field, Dinton.

Please contact Nick Cottman for the price of the plaques

Cllr Nick Cottman **07762 159530** - [nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com](mailto:nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com)



## WHICH PAVEMENT & WHO FIXES IT?

If you have a problem with a footpath/pavement, you need to register the problem with Buckinghamshire Council Fix-my-Street reporting system — 01296 382416 or [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk) If your problem is with a Public Footpath crossing a farmers or other landowner land or a Bridleway then please contact Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way Team.

**They prefer you to use their website for reporting problems.**

This includes: broken stiles, overgrown vegetation or fallen trees, damaged or dangerous path surfaces, damaged or dangerous bridges, damaged or missing signposts and waymarks. Landowners are required to keep rights of way open and useable; this includes providing and maintaining stiles and gates and making sure they are safe and easy to use.



## SIMPLY WALK STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather  
To **Simply Walk** for an hour or so in the countryside.  
Just come to our walks throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – **STONE**  
Wednesday: 6<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 27<sup>th</sup> March

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 13<sup>th</sup> March

We meet in the morning for  
10.30am  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
Leaping into Springtime, still feels nippy  
Just right for a walk then, coffee or tea!

### Walking for Health with Simply Walk

Visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk)  
Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812.



# Simply Walk

MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
April	3rd - 17th	24th	10th
May	1st-15th-29th	22nd	8th
June	12th - 26th	19th	5th



## PARISH FIELD — NEW FENCING

### A VERY BIG “THANK YOU” DINTON BEER FESTIVAL

New fencing has been erected on the parish field closing off the gap in the hedge alongside the Upton Road and fifteen native hedging plants will be planted here, all funded by the Dinton Beer Festival.



## Dinton Village Hall Survey Update Future of the Village Hall

The Village Hall was full on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February to hear a presentation from the Village Hall and Parish Council Chairman, Dick O'Driscoll.

Dick explained the process that had taken place regarding the Parishioner's survey about the options for the Village Hall and why the decision had been taken to pursue Option 1 in the survey. This was to continue with the current hall and explore options to refurb, renovate and possibly extend the hall.

The next action will be to form a working party group to investigate ways of fundraising in order to improve the hall.

At the meeting several people offered to join this group and we are now asking for other parishioners to help us.

If you have any experience of the following, please contact us:

- Fund raising – this is essential as we are likely to need well over £100,000 to make the changes
- Working in the Charity sector
- Project management
- Surveying
- Architect
- Building works
- Marketing and other business skills

**For further information and contact to volunteer to assist us:**

Dick O'Driscoll on 07711 731740 or [odriscoll110@btinternet.com](mailto:odriscoll110@btinternet.com)



## FRENCH LESSONS

Would you like to brush up your French conversation with a French teacher?

I am looking for 10 people to join a group starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April meeting every other week for 4 weeks initially in the Snug at the 7 stars pub in Dinton.

Each session lasts from 1.00 pm – 2.45pm.

Cost will be £26.80 per person for the 4 sessions, good value I think!

If you are interested please email Lorraine Gooch at [larrainegooch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:larrainegooch@hotmail.co.uk)





## COMMUNITY EVENTS TEAM (CET)

### LATEST NEWS AND CALENDAR FOR 2024

St Swithin's Day has come very early this year. Normally it falls on 15<sup>th</sup> July and dependent on the weather that day, according to this 9<sup>th</sup> Century Michael Fish, we can expect the same for the next 40 days.

Not sure about the rest of the parishioners but I am nearly finished building my Ark and it is a matter of days before I set sail across the flood plains of the River Thames to a land far far away. Rain, Rain, Rain and more to come..... what a horrid wet winter and early spring we are going through!!

Anyway, to cheer you all up and give you events to look forward to, the CET has defined a Calendar of Events for 2024 of such extraordinary extravaganzas, it makes P T Barnum's efforts look positively humdrum.

Please note our final Events of 2023, The Christmas Tree 'Lights On', Christmas Quiz and Carol singing raised another £500 for our Flagship Charity The Florence Nightingale Hospice. Thank you for your contributions.

The CET's philosophy is to organise and run events that appeal to the whole parish and open to all ages. We attempt to recover our costs by making reasonable charges for some events and making sure we always have a sufficient funds in our accounts to sustain an annual Events Calendar. Some events, such as The Firework Display and Midsummer Ball, do incur significant upfront costs but through our careful management of funds and through generous donations received, we are able to confirm these events once again for this year.

Many of our Parish have previously appreciated the events run by The Marquee Team since the mid 1990's. The Marquee Team recently disbanded and passed the baton on to the CET to continue the good work.

In recognition of the great endeavours made by the Marquee Team we will be placing a commemorative stone in the Seven Stars garden on the afternoon of 13<sup>th</sup> April prior to the Cheese & Wine evening in the village hall.

All of our 2024 events will be advertised around the parish closer to the date of each event including finer details and contact numbers for more information.

Thanks once again for all the support parishioners give to the CET helping us to make these events 'fun for all' and in the spirit of community togetherness.

**Steve Merry—Chairperson, Community Events Team**

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OF EVENTS 2024  
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## CET CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

13th April	Cheese & Wine Evening in Dinton Village Hall
5th May	The PIVOT Games— Parish Inter Village Olympic Tournament at Dinton Cricket Club & Parish Field
29th June	Midsummer Ball in the Marquee, Dinton Cricket Club Black Tie & Ball Gowns featuring the return of the psychedelic maelstrom that is SLEDGEHAMMER
7th July	Parish Cricket Match at Dinton Cricket Club — teams to be arranged
TBC August	Mad Hatters Tea Party / Treasure Hunt at the Seven Stars Pub
TBA September	CEILIDH at Dinton Village Hall
12th October	Annual Conkers Championships at Dinton Cricket Club
26th October	BINGO at Dinton Village Hall
2nd November	Firework Display in the Parish Field & Dinton Cricket Club
1st December	‘Lights On’ as we celebrate and sing carols around the Christmas tree In the Seven Stars Pub Garden with local celebrity to ‘Switch On’
1st December	Christmas Quiz at the Seven Stars Bar in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice
24th December	Christmas Carols around the streets of the parish followed by mince pies and mulled wine at the Seven Stars Pub

**For further information on all of our events, please contact Steve Merry  
[stephentmerry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephentmerry@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Community Events Team - Events for the Whole Parish**



### HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

#### **Regular Gatherings:**

Many of the regular meetings and activities which usually take place in Haddenham Community Library have begun again!  
We are pleased to now be able to host the following:

Tuesdays 10am -12pm Knit & Natter & Storytime from 10.30am and 2.30pm  
Fridays 10.30am -11am Bounce & Rhyme (fortnightly term time)  
Saturdays 10.30am Lego Club

**Book the library as a venue:** Haddenham Community Library is popular as a meeting venue. There is plenty of space with chairs, tables, a screen for audio visual presentations; free wifi; central location in Haddenham with car parking. For more information, please contact us by email: or telephone.

[info@haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk) or on telephone 01296 387865



## Report on Christmas Turkey Hamper Raffle 2023

It was a bumper year for the Luxury Turkey Raffle with £1130.00 raised to be divided between the Florence Nightingale House and the Dinton Church Fabric Fund. The money for the church will go towards making the current very muddy path safer and less slippery especially for people with buggies. We are very fortunate to have got a craftsman who will lay a solid path for us when the planning permission has been granted.

The Turkey Raffle is a great tradition in our Parish and I especially want to thank the donors who are very generous giving the prizes – Starveall turkey, vintage port, Dinton Folly, special Crackers, chocolates, Christmas Cake, Pudding etc, etc. Without these very generous donations we would be unable to run the raffle.

We would not have got very far with the Raffle if we had not had the amazing support of a few people who have sold tickets. Individuals living in Westlington, Ford, Upton, Gibraltar and Dinton who have gone to their neighbours and friends selling tickets. Well done to every single one of you – you deserve medals!!

The draw of the winners was made after the lovely music and singing at the Christmas Carol Service on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The first prize went to a couple in Westlington Lane, second prize to a family who live in Gibraltar and the third prize to a family in Westlington Green. All winners were thrilled and thanked everyone.

David and I have organised and managed the Raffle for many years now. It's a long and tricky job from applying for the licence from Buckinghamshire Council to printing tickets and distributing them, and then making sure everything is checked and kept to a very high standard of administration, and money deposited safely. We have decided it is time to stand down and let younger people take over from us. So, if you feel this very village event could benefit from your input please contact me.

**With thanks for your support, Rosemary Jackson**



## PRIMARY CARE CONVERSATION

**Join the 'Primary Care Conversation' to transform services**

The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) is working with health and care partners to develop a strategy for the future of primary care. This includes general practice, community pharmacy, optometry (eye care) and dentistry across BOB.

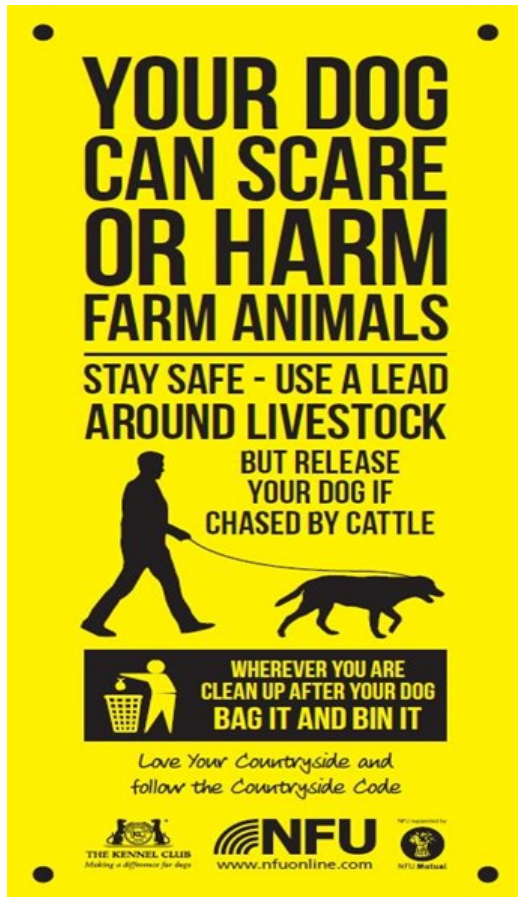
Please help to transform these services by completing the survey to help transform the way these services are delivered

As part of our programme of work to transform primary care, we have launched the '**Primary Care Conversation**' to let you share your experiences about these services in an online survey at: <https://yourvoicebob-icb.uk.engagementhq.com/hub-page/primary-care>

**Your views will help to inform and shape a primary care strategy to deliver better care for you.**

**Please contact 0300 123 4465 or email**

[engagement.BOBICS@nhs.net](mailto:engagement.BOBICS@nhs.net)



## PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF LIVESTOCK

Your dog might be extremely docile and friendly, but we have to remember that farm animals won't know that.

**It's best to keep your dog on a lead and under close control around livestock.**

Farm animals can be very protective, especially at certain times of the year such as tugging and bulling time when male and female animals are mixing, once animals have become pregnant, or after calves or lambs have been born.

NFU Mutual reports that a significant proportion of attacks are caused by owners who let their dogs roam from homes adjoining the countryside and aren't aware that they are attacking farm animals.

**Enjoy walking your dog in the countryside but please, always be mindful of livestock and respect the countryside**

**THANK YOU**

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH



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## CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL NEWS

Spring term 2024 got off to a cracking start with new topics and the buzz of learning filling the building. As part of their Superhero topic, Foundation class enjoyed a fantastic visit from Haddenham Firefighters. Photos of them trying the helmets etc., can be seen on the school's website.

The house system is alive and well on each site. As a member of the newly named Chequers House, in designing a house logo, Wilf (year 2) thought it wise to write to the Prime Minister to ask for some information about the building itself.

He was delighted to get a reply from 10 Downing Street! It is always good to hear when a spark from a topic can ignite a lifelong passion even at a young age. After becoming fascinated by Tudor history, Emily (year 6) wrote to the Historian, Tracy Borman, and was then amazed to be invited on a private guided tour of Hampton Court Palace given by Tracy.

The school would be interested in knowing whether there are any ex-pupils out there who were inspired by a particular topic or teacher while at Cuddington School.

### CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL FOOD BANK

**We welcome all food donations which can be left at the entrance of the Junior Site between 8am and 4pm.**

**All donations of food will go to the Aylesbury Food Bank**



## BIODIVERSITY

As part of the Parish Council's biodiversity policy the Parish Council has introduced a Biodiversity Plan which will encourage us all to protect and conserve biodiversity within the parish.

In future, Councillors will consider the environmental impact and biodiversity when dealing with planning applications and when managing Parish Council land and property.

In addition, biodiversity projects will be promoted and encouraged. In the spinney for example, wildlife habitats will be built and bird boxes will be installed. Wildflowers will be planted along the hedgerows and our trees will be monitored and cared for, along with new saplings planted where possible.

Special thanks go to our Tree Warden, Alan Floy, for all his work mapping the spinney and looking after our trees. This coming autumn we will be looking for volunteers to join us for a Community Bulb Planting on a Saturday morning, when we hope to plant hosts of daffodils and tulips. Look out for the posters toward the end of summer.

We are so fortunate to live in the countryside and we hope all residents will be encouraged to adopt more environmentally beneficial habits.





## St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton CHURCH NEWS

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Christmas Services, especially the Christmas Day Communion. We are committed to ensuring that our major festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Remembrance Day are celebrated at 10am on the relevant Sunday morning.

Some people have expressed a worry that we might be squeezed by the Romanian Orthodox Church who now share our wonderful building. This is not the case at all.

We have the same number of Church of England services as we have had for years. We are building up our regular Evensong on the second Sunday of the Month and this service is the perfect time for our Patronal Festival in the Summer and Harvest Festival in the Autumn. Last year we welcomed the Bishop of Buckingham to our Harvest. We always conclude those services with a glass of something with bubbles.

On March 4 at 4pm we have a Messy Church - a lot of craft activities for children and their parents culminating in a short child friendly service and then food. In Holy Week we expect to have an art display from the children of our school. The week will conclude with an hour of contemplation on Good Friday and our Easter Celebration at 10am on Easter Sunday.

You are very welcome to join us at 9am on Friday mornings for contemplative prayer - Christian Mindfulness. Also on the First Sunday of the month at 9am for Holy Communion and 10am on the Third Sunday of the month for Morning Worship.

Come and join us!  
Phil Groves



### Churchyard Gardening

Firstly I'd like to apologize to all those people who have to slide along the muddy path through the churchyard. We all think the cobbles are tricky enough to walk on but the middle section of the path, being unmade and frequently underwater, is even more difficult.

There is a contractor waiting to put in a bonded gravel path that I think will suit the churchyard but I am still waiting for Planning Permission from the Diocese.

Although caring for the graves is a family responsibility there is a monthly working party which meets on the second Saturday of every month from April until October. The work consists mainly of mowing, strimming, removing ivy from the walls and ensuring the paths are clear. We would be very grateful for any help you can offer.

The dates this year will be April 13<sup>th</sup>; May 11<sup>th</sup>; June 8<sup>th</sup>; July 13<sup>th</sup>; August 10<sup>th</sup>; September 14<sup>th</sup>; October 12<sup>th</sup>

**For further information please contact Rosemary Jackson, Churchwarden**  
Churchyard Working Party — Rosemary Jackson- 01296 748655



## FOOD BANK COLLECTION

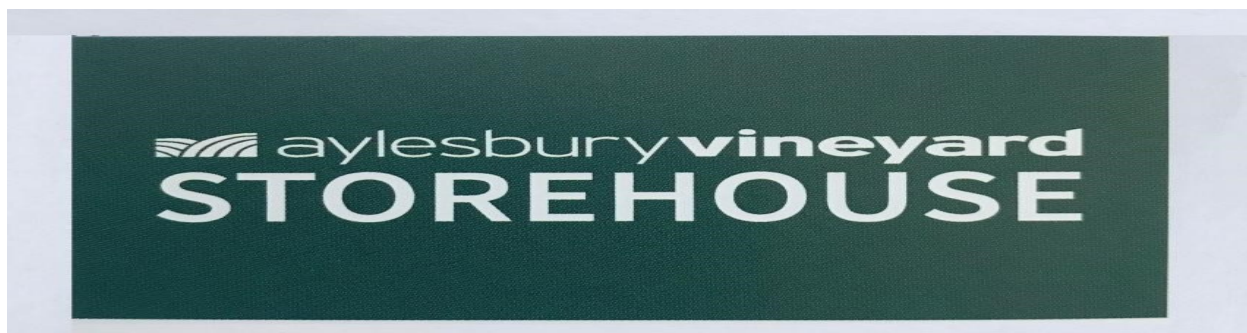
The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box.

The box is situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance to the pub.



All foodstuff will be collected by the Bernwode bus on the first Saturday of each month and delivered to the Aylesbury Vineyard Church foodbank.

**Please donate any kind of tinned food or food in jars.  
You could also give toiletries or household goods.**



**Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand** team is available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis. Let us know if: you are struggling to afford food, you cannot keep on top of your bills, you are in debt or you are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home.

**Request support from the Helping Hand team using the online form or contact us by phone on 01296 531 151.**

**Our phone lines are open:**

Monday to Thursday (9am to 5:30pm) Friday (9am to 5pm) If you're in immediate need and your request cannot wait until the next working day call 0800 999 77677.

**Parish Council:** We meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm. Parish Councillors are elected to make decisions for the parish and to raise a parish precept (tax) to pay for various responsibilities they have and choose to take on such as the playground, parish field, land and open spaces, the spinney, tree works and grass cutting. We are consulted on planning applications and matters affecting the parish. Residents are welcome to attend the parish council meetings and raise any matters they wish that affect the parish. We often have to engage with other stakeholders such as Buckinghamshire Council if the issue, or concerns raised, is not something we have responsibility for.





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## Churchyard Working Party

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## Cuddington & Dinton School

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Office - office@cds.school

## Dinton Village Hall Bookings

Honor Vane - 01296 748177

## Haddenham Community Library

0845-2303232

## Parish Magazine (Dinton)

Awaiting Details

## Police Station (Waddesdon)

Neighbourhood Team —101

## Fly Tipping:

01296 382416 <https://>

[www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/)

**Akido** - Antony Pinchbeck - 07966 151462

## Cubs & Beavers

Emily Gray - 07746 973805

## Dinton Cricket Club

chairman@dintoncc.co.uk

**Pot Hole Reporting** 01296 382416

<https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

## Planning Applications:

Buckinghamshire Council 01296 395000

**Pavement Problems:** 01296 382416

[www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk)

**Public Footpaths & Bridleways** - contact

Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way Team

**Community Events Team** - contact

Chairman Steve Merry 07850 049587

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## GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

Transport to doctors, hospital, opticians, collection of prescriptions, help with getting out of the house in bad weather and shopping in the case of illness.



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**Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild**

## HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE (HCV)

The HCV is for all who are disabled or have walking or mobility problems. The door to door service is free although donations are welcome. To find out more, become a volunteer or to make a booking, contact the coordinator David Hammond: 07483 806171 or email [haddenhamcv@gmail.com](mailto:haddenhamcv@gmail.com). The service is for all those having difficulty accessing public transport or private cars. Our vehicle is adapted for wheelchair users. **Trained volunteers ensure covid-safe arrangements in line with guidance and the service, including journeys to vaccination centres, operates up to 20 miles from Haddenham.**