

County Council Update
from County Councillor Anne Wight
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Station Road roadworks in Cheddington

While the works for these are ongoing and expected to be completed some time within the next few weeks, there have been reports of residents moving the Diversion signs near the King's Head and the Church at Ivinghoe, as well as some barriers in Cheddington. Please remind all residents that moving signs associated with roadworks or diversions is against the law. Moreover, if the roadworks team has to put signs and barriers back into place, that further delays the completion of the works. Many thanks for EPC's assistance in reminding residents to leave the signs and barriers in place for the duration of any road works.

Pitstone to Marsworth Footpath

This has now been commissioned by TfB and the works are scheduled to commence from the 5th of February for 8 – 10 weeks. All site clearance should be completed before March. It is envisaged that work teams will be on the B489 carriageway between 9:30 – 15:30 each day and traffic arrangements are being finalised at the moment.

Marsworth Airfield Planning Application 15/00374/APP

Many residents have written to me in regards to this application from the surrounding villages in Bucks but also from Herts as there is some concern regarding additional HGV and industrial vehicle movements across the Division should this application succeed. I redirected them to post their comments on the AVDC planning application website and they have now done so. I have commented to oppose the application and Bucks County Council is also opposing the application on the grounds of highway safety. This application is likely to go to Committee at AVDC some time in the next few weeks.

LLACC and Heathrow Expansion consultations

At the LLACC meeting on Monday 22 January the subject of aircraft noise was raised by councillors from surrounding councils. It was noted that noise complaints were up significantly between July to September 2017 at 5,785, as compared with the same quarter last year which had only 1,866 noise complaints logged.

With regard to future expansion, Luton Airport will start consultation later this year on expanding the airport from 18 million passengers a year to 38 million. As part of the expansion the Airport will need to also consult three times on changes to airspace as they refine options down to dedicated flight paths. If you are affected by aircraft noise from Luton Airport and want to influence future flight paths then you should complain if an aircraft is unusually low or noisy. Complaints can be made at:

<https://www.london-luton.co.uk/corporate/community/noise/making-a-noise-complaint>

Opportunities in Bucks

The Opps in Bucks website is a really useful tool for any local businesses who would like to get involved in offering young people in our area apprenticeships or work opportunities. This is a networking tool which puts young people in Bucks in touch with businesses and education opportunities to allow them to obtain further skills and work experience, and at the same time means that our local businesses can tap into the energy, enthusiasm and skills base that our young people have to offer.

The website is easy to navigate, and for young people looking for opportunities, there is a Wannabe icon at the far right of the page which links to specific work experiences on offer by businesses along with apprenticeships and various jobs currently being advertised.

The links are below, and well worth exploring for any young people wondering about their next steps as they move into work experience.

<https://oppsinbucks.org>

https://wannabebucks.org/?utm_source=Oppsinbucks&utm_campaign=icon&utm_medium=homepage

Royal British Legion News

With Remembrance being led by the Legion since 1921, the commemoration of the end of the First World War is going to be one of the most memorable and significant moments in the history of the charity and the entire nation.

During the last 100 days of the centenary, from 8th August to 11th November, the Royal British Legion wants to encourage everyone to thank those who fought, those who returned, and those who worked to rebuild the country for future generations and achieved incredible advancements in many areas including medicine, the arts, and everyday life.

Please visit the Thank You Webpage which can be found at the link below to find out more and watch their short film. Further news about the Thank You movement will be released in the coming months.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary/thank-you/>

Also as part of the centenary commemorations, this summer the Legion will re-enact the original 'Great Pilgrimage' of 90 years ago, when 11,000 people visited the battlefields and the graves of their loved ones in France and Belgium. On August 8th, thousands of Legion members will re-tread those footsteps and proudly march through the famous Menin Gate in Ypres.

The occasion will be a powerful act of Remembrance, bringing together Legion Branches and local communities. It is the presence at the ceremony of

representation from more than 1,000 towns and villages from across the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, which marks this event as unique within the UK's recent commemorative programme. Further details about how your community can become involved will be released in the coming months. Please visit the Great Pilgrimage 90 website at the link below to find out more.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/community/calendar/remembrance-services-and-events/great-pilgrimage-90/>

Active Bucks

Residents may be interested in the Active Bucks website - www.activebucks.co.uk - which holds over 1800 activities across Bucks and allows residents to filter activities by distance, activity type and day/time.

By registering on the website, residents can also download a voucher that allows them to access their first session free!

Local Area Forum Meeting

The next LAF meeting is scheduled for 1st March at 7pm at Ivinghoe Village Hall.