

**County Council Update  
from County Councillor Anne Wight  
June 2018**

## **Brownlow Bridge Damage and Closure**

As you may know, the Brownlow Bridge near Ivinghoe was badly damaged by a van on Monday this week and there is now a large gap in the brickwork on the bridge.

Unfortunately, the bridge is no longer safe for use, by cars, cyclists or pedestrians, necessitating a full closure for a period of approximately three months.

TfB is working with the Canal and River Trust, who are responsible for repairing the bridge. As TfB was due to replace the traffic lights on the bridge over the forthcoming school holiday period, and it is hoped that this work can be done once the bridge is made safe again.

Diversions will be in place throughout this period.

## **Healthwatch Bucks**

I was very pleased to have been invited to attend the recent Healthwatch Bucks meeting in Pitstone. Healthwatch Bucks works closely with BCC and the NHS in order to improve patient care and experience. They do this through inviting patients to express their ideas and opinions and provide feedback on health services in Bucks, so that it can be considered and acted upon by the health authorities to improve service.

Their priorities for 2017-2018 are Mental Health and Wellbeing, Prevention and Primary Care, and Transition to and within Social Care. They do online reporting of patient surveys and provide signposting to services, which helps service users understand what they can expect from the NHS and other health and care services. They often direct people to information that is already in the public domain but is hard to find. This includes information to help people understand any choices they may have regarding these services.

For more information, you can contact Healthwatch Bucks on **0845 260 6216** – Monday to Thursday between 9am and 5pm – or you can email [info@healthwatchbucks.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchbucks.co.uk) or explore their homepage at

<https://www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk>

## **NPHT Recruitment**

## **NPHT --- Chairman and Trustee recruitment**

As you may know, I am a Trustee for the National Paralympic Heritage Trust as part of my role at BCC. The NPHT was established on 11th November 2015, exists to enlighten and inspire future generations by celebrating, cherishing and bringing the Paralympic heritage and its stories of human endeavour to life.

The NPHT is currently looking to appoint up to three independent Trustees, ideally with an understanding of, and access to, important networks or contacts in the sport and/or heritage sectors, who are also committed to NPHT aims and values, and to equality and diversity.

They are specifically looking for people with skills and experience in one of the following areas:

- Culture and heritage sector - including collections and archives, and engagement in particular.
- Fundraising experience - particularly in the cultural sector.
- Finance experience - ideally with a formal financial qualification to support sound financial management within the Trust.

Applications should be received by Monday 2nd July 2018. Interviews will take place in July.

For more information or to apply, please download the Trustee welcome pack here or request one by email at [vicky.hopewalker@paralympicheritage.org.uk](mailto:vicky.hopewalker@paralympicheritage.org.uk)

For an informal discussion, please contact: Emma Boggis, one of the current member appointed Trustees, on 0207 976 3941 or [eboggis@sportandrecreation.org.uk](mailto:eboggis@sportandrecreation.org.uk)

Do please also check out the NPHT website at the link below:

<https://www.paralympicheritage.org.uk/news/trustees-at-npht>

## **Rural Bus Route Survey**

### **Overview**

We are reviewing the rural bus services that receive financial support from Buckinghamshire County Council and we would like to hear from people about routes affecting our division!

### **Dates**

This survey is open for responses from **7 June** to **20 July 2018**

### **Background**

Many of the bus routes serving rural areas of Buckinghamshire need ongoing financial support from the County Council to operate. We want as many people as possible in our village communities to have access to public transport, so you can get out and about and do what's important to you, such as go to the doctors, the shops or visit friends and family. We need to plan carefully to make sure we use this money as effectively as possible.

Further information about the review is available on the Bucks County Council website at the following link or by clicking on "Have Your Say" on the homepage.

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=7382>

### **How to have your say**

Please complete the online survey!

If you would prefer to fill in a printed version of the survey or would like an **Easy Read** version, there is a print option as well. Alternatively, they are available at any Buckinghamshire library or from our Public Transport Team (see contact details below).

### **What happens next?**

We'll review all the survey feedback this summer, and later in 2018 we'll carry out a consultation on any proposed changes. Updates on the review will be available on our website [here](#)

### **Contact**

Enquiries about this review can be made by email to our Public Transport Team on [passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk) or by phoning 01296 382416.

### **My new role**

I am happy to say that at the last council meeting I was appointed as the Deputy Cabinet Member for Education, and so will be moving over from Communities and Public Health. A few of us newer deputy members have been reshuffled in order to provide us with a broader experience base and more detailed knowledge of other portfolios. I look forward very much to working with Cabinet Member Mike Appleyard, who is the Cabinet Member for Education.