

CHILTERN DISTRICT REVITALISATION GROUPS

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REVITALISATION ?

A working definition:

**“Communities where progress
is celebrated
and self-improvement
embraced”**

Chiltern District Revitalisation Groups

Amersham Action Group
Amersham Old Town Community Revitalisation Group
Chalfont St Giles & Jordans Revitalisation Committee
Chalfont St Peter Revitalisation Action Group
Chesham Connect
Little Chalfont Community Association
Great Missenden & Prestwood Revitalisation Group

Why do these group require our support?

- the community identifies its own needs, values, challenges and priorities



partners & community wide representation

Retailers & businesses

youth clubs

older people action group

conservation , environment & transition groups

local community led services & amenities (eg library)

Chiltern District Council

Bucks County Council

Town /parish council

faith groups

Police

Buckinghamshire NHS

Revitalisation Groups & Their Key Objectives

Viability & vitality of town & village centres

Environmental improvements for residents and visitors

Demand effective statutory services

Community led provision of services

Health & wellbeing projects - younger & older people

Shared Strategic Priorities ?

- Promote healthy living
- Promote wellbeing & address health inequalities
 - Promote community safety
 - Build capacity in voluntary sector
- Support the development & inclusion of younger people
 - Promote community cohesion
 - Conserve the environment
- Support health & vitality of Chiltern's economy

NB Shared with CDC Community Well Being Plan 2017

Communities are participating

- Revitalisation groups are independent not for profit organisations run 100% by volunteers ;
- Closely aligned to their parish / town council
- libraries, visitor / tourist centres , museums
- Seek the widest possible representation from their community
- Younger and older people, residents groups, faith groups; business and retail; visitor attractions;

Local Benefits

- social cohesion
- local CDC Member engagement
- grass roots community participation
- action groups which “own” small local projects
- useful as a barometer of local attitudes & as a measure of satisfaction
 - Provide a platform for local consultation on an issue (s)

Inward Investment

Funding Needed ?

Community Impact Bucks “surgeries” held at CDC

Heart of Bucks – small grants

Bucks County Council LAFs

CDC Community Fund – annual grants

CDC Capital Grants – via revit groups – annual grants

HS2,

Lottery (Awards for All, Heritage)

Major trusts

Small gifts & sponsorship

Business and traders contributions

Public donations

7 revit groups = 70+ revit projects!

Since 2003 all community led with CDC support

- Landscaping, planting, fencing, river bank clean ups
- High streets and village centres - events linked to shopping,
- Small Business Saturday – partnership between retail and community
- Visitor information & shopping guides
- Community events fairs & fetes, St George's Day, Chinese New Year;
- Heritage & museum projects intergenerational , local history
- Community Libraries CSG & Little Chalfont
- Youth provision, summer holiday diversionary activities & youth clubs
- Older persons action groups, service info, gentle exercise;
- Environment community orchards; energy conservation;
- Communication – community newspapers & websites,
- Anti HS2

Recent Revitalisation Capital Projects

youth club building extension – Chalfont St Giles

nature park – Little Chalfont

High street market improvements , canopies, signage – Chesham

Play area and “Space for All” – Amersham Old Town

WW1 Memorial & Peace Garden – Chalfont St Peter

Miltons Cottage energy conservation - Chalfont St Giles

Misbourne pathway – Chalfont St Giles

Secure cycle parking – Prestwood & Great Missenden