

## **Marsworth PC Buckinghamshire Councillors Report for June 2024 meeting**

### **Council pledges extra £500k for gully cleansing and roadside drainage repairs**

With the highest rainfall for more than 200 years throughout winter and spring, in recent months many areas within Buckinghamshire have experienced flooding and related problems. To bolster resilience to flooding and heavy rain, the council will use the new funding to carry out extra cleansing of high priority gullies that need it in addition to its regular planned gully maintenance, to ensure they are in prime condition to cope with periods of sudden heavy or prolonged rainfall. New ditches and 'grips' to remove water from the road will also be created in some problem areas, and damaged drainage systems will be repaired so that water can flow away more easily

### **New home energy efficiency grant scheme launches in Bucks**

Grants of up to £30,000 are now available for energy efficiency improvements for homes. These measures can include work such as loft insulation and window replacements. Eligible households in Buckinghamshire who own properties with an Energy Performance Certificate rating of D or below (D to G) can take advantage of this opportunity.

This local scheme, named the Domestic Building Envelope Energy Efficiency (DBEEE) Grant, is fully funded from Buckinghamshire Council's allocation from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

If a resident is approved for a DBEEE Grant and they are given the go ahead for home improvement works, then the council will pay the contractor after the work has been completed. To qualify for the grant, all works must be completed and grant claims submitted by 31 December 2024.

Residents should enquire about the grant through [Better Housing Better Health](#). To qualify, residents need to provide necessary proofs, including a quotation for the desired improvement work on their homes.

More information on the DBEEE Grant can be found on the [council's website](#).

For residents who aren't looking to have major work done on their homes, the council's Energy Doctor scheme offers a range of free energy and water saving measures. These include hot water insulation jackets and reflective radiator panels. To find out if you are eligible for an Energy Doctor visit, go to the council's [Energy Doctor webpage](#).

## **Celebrating Bucks' communities**

June is the 'Month of Community' and Buckinghamshire Council is taking the opportunity to celebrate all the great work our communities do.

From fundraisers to food champions and support networks to street associations, our local communities are made up of people committed to helping others and improving life in their local area.

Shining a spotlight on the work the council does with local communities to make them even stronger, including the work of our Community Boards and our work with partner organisations.

Sharing information on how people can get more involved in their local community, including volunteering opportunities and other community initiatives.

For the month of June, the focus is on celebrating everything that makes our communities great, including:

### **Week 1 – 3 to 9 June**

#### Volunteers Week

Big Lunch (9 June) – The Dairy Maid pub in Aylesbury.

D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations (6 June) – Take a look at Bucks Online Directory to see if there any events in your area.

Community Food Chain – All the ways people can lend a helping hand to ensure food gets to those in need of support in Buckinghamshire.

### **Week 2 – 10 to 16 June**

#### Men's Health Week

Loneliness Awareness Week – Combatting loneliness and isolation.

#### Carers week

### **Week 3 – 17 to 23 June**

Refugee Week – a festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

Learning Disability Week – 'Do you see me?' theme about being seen, heard and valued.

The Great Get Together (21-23 June)

### **Week 4 – 24 to 30 June**

Armed Forces Week – includes flag raising on 24 June, Reserves Day on 26 June, and Armed Forces Day on 29 June.

Pride – 29 June

Communities are being encouraged to tag their events during the month with the #MonthOfCommunityBucks hashtag and to share on social media

Councillor Derek Town