

LEIGHTON LINSLADE PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**07 June 2018****CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE****Purpose of report: - for information****1 COMMUNITY SAFETY****1.1 Anti-social behaviour and Statutory Nuisance**

The Community Safety Operations Team has carried out the following work in the Leighton-Linslade area from the 1st May – 30th October 2018:

There are currently 36 cases open to the Community Safety Operations Team:-

- Dog Fouling – 1
- Fly-tipping – 7
- Littering – 1
- Nuisance Neighbours – 7
- Pollution/Noise – 7
- Pollution/Odour – 4
- Rowdy/Inconsiderate Behaviour – 9

2 Problem Solving Group meetings have been held.

Files sent to prosecution:

1 x Breach of Abatement Notice.

1 x Breach of Community Protection Notice.

1 x Breach of Injunction.

Summary of recorded CCTV Incidents

This report contains data gathered by the Council's CCTV Control Room located at Watling House, Dunstable. It includes details of CCTV monitored incidents and arrests by the police in the towns of Dunstable, Houghton Regis and Leighton Buzzard. It does not include details of the police response to any particular incident where an arrest is not made, nor does it include incidents not captured by CCTV; for this reason, the data will not reflect the overall picture of crime and disorder in any area.

1st June – 30th September

Date	Time	Location	Type of Crime	Arrests
03/06/18	00:55	The Picture House	Violent Offence	2
09/06/18	01:40	Age UK	Burglary	1
15/06/18	14:55	Lake Street	Drugs	0

15/06/18	17:30	Multi Storey Car Park	Anti-Social Behaviour	0
16/06/18	15:45	High Street	Anti-Social Behaviour	0
17/06/18	02:50	The Lancer	Public Order	0
21/06/18	19:23	Lake Street	Anti-Social Behaviour	0
24/06/18	02:20	The Lancer	Violent Offence	0
24/06/18	12:35	High Street	Intel	0
25/06/18	23:48	Duncombe Drive	Theft from Vehicle	0
26/06/18	17:33	Waterbourne Walk	Anti-Social Behaviour	0
28/06/18	21:16	Waterbourne Walk	Public Order	0
01/07/18	19:14	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
01/07/18	20:21	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
07/07/18	18:25	St Andrews Street	Stabbing	0
07/07/18	20:48	Bell Alley	Public Order	0
08/07/18	01:43	The Lancer	Public Order	0
09/07/18	03:18	Duncombe Drive	Criminal Damage	0
13/07/18	13:47	Poundland	Possession of Weapons	0
19/07/18	21:20	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
19/07/18	21:44	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
22/07/18	02:15	Lake Street	Public Order	0
23/07/18	15:20	Lake Street	Road Traffic Accident	0
24/07/18	20:28	West Street	Possession of Weapons	0
25/07/18	18:40	Market Square	Public Order	0
28/07/18	22:57	Duncombe Drive	Theft from Vehicle	0
05/08/18	01:56	The Lancer	Traffic Offence	0
06/08/18	20:31	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
10/08/18	03:06	W H Smiths	Burglary	0
11/08/18	22:05	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
14/08/18	21:34	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
15/08/18	22:04	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
16/08/18	21:18	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
17/08/18	17:23	Boots	Shoplifting	0
17/08/18	14:43	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
18/08/18	00:16	Waterbourne Walk	Drugs	0
19/08/18	19:58	Waterbourne Walk	ASB	0
24/08/18	16:56	Leston Road	Road Traffic Accident	0
28/08/18	02:24	Lake Street	Criminal Damage	0

29/08/18	11:30	Waterbourne Walk	Attempted Robbery	0
10/09/18	16:20	High Street	Theft	0
14/09/18	10:20	West Street	Failure to Stop	0
21/09/18	15:12	North Street	Drunk & Disorderly	0
22/09/18	09:57	High Street	Road Traffic Accident	0

2. Investment, Employment & Skills

The Leighton-Linslade area continues to attract a range of commercial property enquiries. For the period June 18 to Oct 18 we have received 9 new enquiries for the Leighton-Linslade area. The majority were for smaller industrial units of less than 10k sq ft but one enquiry from a storage/distribution type business was looking for circa 3 acres, with all enquiries still ongoing.

A new hybrid planning application has been received for Clipstone Park/East of Leighton, taking into consideration comments made on the design and layout.

The Crossing site is now under construction and we are advised by the agents has attracted several enquiries for the 51,000 sq ft unit.

Royal Recognition as Peli BioThermal is Officially Presented with Queen's Award for International Export Expertise

We continue to work with businesses in the Leighton-Linslade area. For example, Peli BioThermal are a global name in temperature controlled packaging. We attended their recent Queens award presentation.

The Peli BioThermal team welcomed the Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire Helen Nellis, who conducted the official presentation. President of Peli BioThermal, David Williams said: "It is an incredible privilege and honour for the company to receive a second Queen's Award for Enterprise. It is all the more prestigious as this is the second Queen's Award we have received in a row."

Innovation Bridge

Innovation Bridge provides innovation support to SME businesses through linking them to a university for research support and innovation grants. There continues to be positive interest in Innovation Bridge from SME businesses in the Leighton Linslade Town area. We have 9 businesses who have engaged with the project, of which 8 have completed 12 hours of support with the University of Bedfordshire and completed Innovation Bridge Action Plans to support their business ideas. Project support has ranged from the development of a social media platform to a marketing strategy plan for the launch of a new product.

Bedfordshire Employment & Skills Service

The Council's Employment & Skills Service (BESS), together with its subcontracted partner providers, continues to use its Further Education funding from the Government to deliver courses for local adults who have low prior learning attainment, are unemployed and want to build skills for work or who need wellbeing support.

In the last academic year, 122 Leighton-Linslade residents (76 of whom were unemployed) attended courses which included ICT, English, maths and low level sector specific skills such as hospitality. Working closely with the Job Centre in Leighton Buzzard BESS also delivers classes in employability skills (for example, CV writing, interview techniques and how to use technology to help find a job). Through one of its partner providers, Impact Mental Health, it operates a peer support programme for those with mild to moderate mental health issues. This academic year (from 01 August to date), 54 learners have come through our doors and of these, 30 were unemployed.

Further information on courses offered by BESS can be found on the Council's website: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/jobs/adult-learning/about/courses.aspx>

Residents have also had access to locally delivered National Careers Service information, advice and guidance through 1:1 appointments. You can find out more about the support the team offers for people who are both employed or unemployed and how to make an appointment by visiting here:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/jobs/adult-learning/about/national-careers-service-team.aspx>

BESS has introduced a weekly Connect community support group from in Leighton Buzzard. Delivered by Community Action Bedfordshire on BESS' behalf, sessions are held every Thursday afternoon at The TACTIC Centre, 17 Hockliffe Street (LU7 1HD). It creates opportunities for residents to support each other and aims to tackle loneliness, improve wellbeing and link in with a range of other useful support services. In October, the average weekly attendance was 11 participants; across the month, 28 people attended at various times.

More can be found on this initiative on Community Action's website at:

<https://www.cabeds.org.uk/community-connections/cafe-connect>

High Street Vacancy Levels

According to Springboard, in collaboration with BRC, the national town centre vacancy rate was 9.6% in October 2018. This is an increase on a year ago when the rate was 9.3%. Most regions saw a deterioration in their town vacancy rate compared to the previous quarter (BRC- Springboard footfall and vacancies monitor, October 2018).

The average vacancy rate across Central Bedfordshire's town centres in August 2018 was 4.7%. This is a 0.33 percentage point increase from May's 4.37%. Despite this, the overall vacancy rate for Central Bedfordshire town centres is 7.0%. This is a welcome reduction from the 7.7% figure recorded for May 2018. Increases in vacant

units have been seen in Flitwick, Houghton Regis and Sandy. There have however been notable reductions in vacancies in Biggleswade and Dunstable and overall the number of vacant retail units has reduced.

Town Centre vacancies (%) in Central Bedfordshire, May 2017 – August 2018

Town	May 17	Aug 17	Nov 17	Feb 18	May 18	August 18
Ampthill	2.2	3.3	4.4	4.4	5.6	5.6
Arlesey	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Biggleswade	8.3	6.9	5.5	8.3	9.7	4.8
Dunstable	13.8	13.4	13.4	13.4	14.6	13.4
Flitwick	0	2.6	2.6	0	0.0	5.1
Houghton Regis	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	6.9
Leighton Buzzard	3.9	4.9	3.9	3.4	4.9	4.4
Sandy	9	4.5	3	1.5	3.0	4.5
Shefford	2.5	2.5	5	0	2.6	2.6
Stotfold	0	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Average vacancy rate	4.3%	4.7%	4.7%	4.0%	4.4%	4.7%

Source: Central Bedfordshire Council August 2018

2.1 Enabling Delivery in Leighton-Linslade, Regeneration and Business

HSIS: The High Street Improvement Scheme is now nearing completion in Leighton Buzzard and is currently in the snagging stage. This will see an investment of circa £65,000 from CBC with the following businesses providing a total contribution to their improvements of £26,000:

- Shan Shui
- Ollie Vees
- Smile Creations
- Genaro's/A Touch of Class

MTRF: The Market re-launch is complete with the outstanding projects being the installation of architectural lighting and those elements to be delivered by CBC Highway's (e.g. the electronic signage). With respect to the latter CBC has paid to extend the warranties on the electronic signs that are yet to be installed and continue to raise this issue of this delay with CBC Highways as this relates to a scheduling issue with the contractor.

Job Fair

The Job Fair at the Leighton Buzzard theatre on 26 June hosted eighteen information stands from local employers and training providers. Feedback stated there was a real possibility of eleven people being recruited as a direct result of attending on the day. The next job Fair for this venue is planned for 11 June 2019.

Former Police Station site, Hockliffe Road.

The council has acquired the site of the former police station on Hockliffe Road with a view to providing a modern care home and day centre space for residents of the Westlands care home and others. Work has been ongoing on the procurement of a care home provider to construct and operate and had expected to seek approval from Central Bedfordshire Council's Executive to make a decision on the future of Westlands care home and award the contract by now. However, whilst there was considerable interest, ultimately the Council has not been able reach a satisfactory agreement with a provider.

As a consequence the Council is now exploring other options for the delivery of a new care home on the site. In the meantime progress has been made on the contract of the demolition of the existing building on the site. A contract is currently being awarded and it is expected that work will begin shortly.

A consultation on the future of the Westlands care home was held at the end of 2017. Because of the time that has elapsed and the likelihood that there will be different options being considered, it is expected that a further public consultation will be carried out. It is planned that the results of the consultation and the preferred route to the delivery of a new care home will be presented to Executive next year, with a view to seeking decisions on both.

For more information please contact Rebecca Carr
at rebecca.carr@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or 0300 300 6609

3 COMMUNITY SERVICES

3.1 Active Lifestyles

Ongoing monthly work parties with Friends of Tiddenfoot Waterside Park and Friends of Linslade Wood, volunteer support continues to grow with great outputs. At this time we look to undertake clearance of areas / plant trees lay hedgerows etc in preparation for the Bird nesting season and for spring and summer next year.

Other Countryside Sites in area

- Grovebury Quarry and Southern Meadows path surfacing works are nearing completion, dealing with snagging items
- Selective tree pollarding of willows - works identified for winter along Clipstone Brook and Riverside Walk
- Attendance at the LLTC Canal Festival in July
- Have been working with Environment Agency regarding recent trees blown in to Clipstone Brook or River Ouzel
- Tiddenfoot Waterside Park and Linslade Wood achieved awards in the LLTC Britain In Bloom
- Tiddenfoot Waterside Park was awarded a CPRE 'Mark' the highest award for the work of all the volunteers in the Biodiversity and Landscape Improvement Category.

3.2 Rushmere Country Park

- External lighting and power supply to the meadow and car parks. Completed in main car park last quarter. Flood lights and cabling to be carried out in conjunction with 3 phase power supply in which is presently delayed whilst Power networks overcome a grounding issue.
- Bike Routes – a new extension to Shire Oak which is now under way with route now cleared of scrub. New surface to be laid this winter by volunteers. Downhill area has now been fully fenced off by volunteers. We are awaiting signage and information boards which are in design to replace temporary signage installed when site opened in May. Maintenance is being carried out by 2 volunteer bikers.
- Tree Avenue and meadow - Balance between amenity and conservation management of the avenue continues, with trees being regularly watered. Only one tree needing to be replaced. The field can hold 300 cars if we manage the car park parking.
- Gating and Fencing - Bollards are to be installed around the shed and wooden gates at the track entrances. Shire Oak stock fencing installed by contractors in September.
- The Oak Wood Habitat Restoration Project continues with ongoing volunteer tasks and vegetation management works following on from the significant habitat restoration works. The project also includes the creation of an extension to the Sculpture Trail, with the Oak Wood Sculpture Trail featuring four new sculptures (many of which used rhododendron timber resulting from conservation work on site) and six carved benches (using timber sourced from site) depicting heathland and woodland species, alongside interpretation and a viewing frame, through which visitors will be able to observe developing heathland. The Trail is 1.5km long, and encourages wider exploration of the site.
- Play Equipment and Checks - Independent play inspections have taken place in Sept. GST have introduced an inspection system which includes having photographic records of slide landing area condition. GST to adopt cloud based used by CBC using tablets and apps purchased to record inspections. Training for staff took place in October.
- New contactless payment system at Rushmere exit has been installed. Testing of operation and software being installed. CCTV at the barriers is being reviewed as quality of pictures is insufficient for police to use in convicting people who break in.
- A total of 294 young people were engaged in activities with the education team at Rushmere during this quarter, the majority of the school visits were KS1 and early KS 2 ages (5 – 9 years). Education visitors came from a slightly wider geographical area than previously, including Husborne Crawley and with more schools from Bletchley and Milton Keynes visiting for their summer term field trips.
 - Volunteers = over 2431 hours have been completed by volunteers, doing conservation, Rushmere Visitor support. In August the volunteers assisted in hosting a visit from a local Sight Concern group, Socialyze, to gain feedback on how the site can improve access for all.

Key issues:

- Rushmere CP has suffered a spate of break-in resulting in significant damage and loss of incomes.
28th August 2018 – Break-in - Treetops café
7th October – Attempted Break-in – Stockgrove
7th October –Break-in – Rushmere
16th October –Break-in – Stockgrove

Looking forward

Key Priorities over the next 3 months:

- To promote / open access to Grovebury Quarry (open space) and Southern Meadows – after works are completed.
- Continuing negotiations towards completion with Rockwell Collins regarding 'Permissive Path' agreement that will complete access from Grovebury Quarry and Southern Meadow in to Peace Meadow and beyond in to Tiddenfoot Waterside Park.
- Options appraisal of Tiddenfoot Waterside Park – derelict stable block – options available March 19

Key messages:

- Continue to try and secure permissive access from Southern Meadows across former BEA land (now Rockwell Collins) and join to canal path/green bridge to gain access to Tiddenfoot Waterside Park and on in to Linslade
- Continue to support the friends of TWP and Linslade Wood – a valuable volunteer resource

3.3 LEIGHTON BUZZARD LIBRARY

Leighton Buzzard Library reopened fully on June 12th after a 6 month closure of the ground floor due to flooding.

Staff were thrilled to welcome back our many customers who had continued to visit our 'mini' library during our closure and who could now enjoy our refurbished ground floor!

Through the summer months we have taken part in the national Summer Reading Challenge for young people as well as putting on children's craft events, Lego club, story time and rhyme time.

In October the library hosted a Family Learning Festival and put on numerous events including children's author visits, a back stage theatre pass and an introduction to wool crafts including spinning.

Since the refurbishment of the ground floor the centre has continued with its improvement programme and new internal doors have been fitted throughout the building. We have seen new signage fitted, both internal and external, highlighting and signposting the centre in our local community.

In recent weeks CBC Customer Services have moved in to the centre and have a staffed desk twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the first floor.

3.4 LIBRARY THEATRE

The Theatre continues with its varied programme of film, music, event cinema, comedy, Movies for the more mature, Leighton Babies (an exclusive parent/guardian screening) and live theatre.

January will see the introduction of Theatre Thoughts, inviting customers to share their thoughts, feedback and comments on our work, to help us to understand how we can provide a better service, enhance our current offer and expand our offer.

In January we welcome back the ever popular Leighton Buzzard Drama group in Panto! This year they will be performing Puss in Boots....Oh no they won't I hear you cry.....Oh yes they will!

This has been an eventful year for the centre and we look forward to the New Year and the possibilities it offers.

There are many easy ways to book your favourite films, theatre performances, plus stand-up comedy at Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre. Visit <https://centralbedfordshire.ticketsolve.com/shows> to see what's on and book a show.

3.5 TIDDENFOOT LEISURE CENTRE

Looking back

We achieved:

- Working with Fit for Sport Kids Camps which are designed to educate children in the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle, whilst encouraging them to try their best & have fun. A typical day includes: multi-sport sessions, such as; handball, dodgeball, hockey, rounder's 'Keeping the Future Fit' healthy lifestyle activities and an optional swimming session (venue dependent). Chill out sessions will be arts and crafts based, with activities such as: crazy crafts e.g. designing sports kits. Also available is the use of the swimming pool which is a big highlight for the children attending.
- October half term camp 22nd – 26th October 2018 saw a good number of children attending each day saw over 20 children giving the week an overall amount of 100+ children attending.
- Open day – Great turnout for the community open day. 100 goodie bags were produced and all handed out to children. 2 group training classes were run in the sports hall. Treasure hunt completed around the building, Zoggy mascot from Zoggs worn all day with pictures taken with children. Pool Inflatable session were held over the weekend. Demonstration classes were held throughout the day. Singers performing in the café all day. Free swimming on the day along with free classes and gym. Children's activities completed in the sports hall including football, soft play and roller disco. Overall throughput during the open day saw around 500 additional people attending the centre.
- Quest Accreditation – Scored Excellent. This is a national recognised accreditation for sports facilities to aim to achieve throughout all areas of the building.

- Increased numbers in the health walk completed on a Wednesday. Numbers are now up to around 10 to 15 on a weekly basis.

Key highlights:

- SLL officially took over the running of the new South Contract in September.
- Tiddenfoot took part in the world's biggest coffee morning with the team coming together to bake a wide variety of different cake and gingerbread. The facility managed to raise £235 for the charity by using the pack that was sent out to promote the event.
- Car park ticketing is now being enforced for Tiddenfoot – this is to help reduce down the overcrowding of the car park and to be used solely for the purpose of the leisure centre.
- Sound system installed into the lower studio which has assist with the classes that take place in there

Looking forward

We are planning:

- Middle School gala Friday 28th November – 6 Middle schools will complete in this free event held at Tiddenfoot.
- 50+ Christmas party will take place for the 50+ that runs on a Friday morning. This is an annual event which is well attended.
- Crèche Christmas party will take place for the children that attend the crèche. The crèche team are looking forward to hosting a party for the little ones
- Health walk Christmas part will take place on the 5th December
- Crash courses are going to be running again at Tiddenfoot from February half term. We are also working on restructuring our Aqua Ed swimming lessons to reduce number sizes to give a better quality of lesson and increase the number of classes that are offered. This is giving us the opportunity to increase our capacity and also improve service.
- Redecoration of areas of the centre in December looking at Gym, studio, café and reception also looking at back of house areas like offices.

Key Priorities over the next 3 months:

- Working in partnership with CBC & ELFT Tiddenfoot are hosting a new mindful yoga session which will be followed by tea and coffee and chats with ELFT professionals. Only people with mental health issue will be invited to attend through the council, ELFT and GP referral scheme. It will then run every Wednesday at the same time moving forward with the possibility of offering it out to the general public who feel it would benefit them.
- The first session was on Wednesday 31st October at 1.45 to 3.15 in the upstairs studio. We hope the session is a big success and can continue to run at the centre.
- Introduction of falls prevention is also looking to launch in the new year and be held at Tiddenfoot. Work currently being completed for this to be introduced.

Key messages:

‘SLL will continue to improve the health and wellbeing of its local communities by providing the best leisure and cultural opportunities for all.’

3.6 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TEAM

Xplorer – Rushmere park

- Summer Holidays – 272 participants
- October Half term – 151 Participants

Active Lifestyle Referrals

- 25 patients referred via the GP into exercise

Yoga

- Sessions at Astral Park. Approx 8-10 participants per week

Seated Exercise & Boccia sessions running in the following settings:

- Hamilton Court
- Tudor Court
- Finches crescent

Walking Football

- Moved back indoors for the winter from Cedars to Vandyke. Approx 10-15 people attending each week.

Future Programmes

ELFT – East London Foundation Trust has launched a programme in partnership with Stevenage Leisure Ltd. Mindful Yoga sessions have been organised to promote physical and mental wellbeing.

The sessions will be delivered by a qualified yoga instructor working alongside coaches trained in mental health first aid.

Participants are encouraged to stay after their exercise, enjoy complementary refreshments and speak with Trust staff who will offer advice on mental wellbeing and signposting to other services and support networks.

Mindful Yoga will take place every Wednesday at Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre in Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard. It is from 1.45pm-3.15pm and the first session started on Wednesday October 31.

Waste

Looking back

Key highlights:

Waste Services have now taken over the maintenance of Drakes Avenue for grass cutting, bins, etc.

The Re-Use Shop at the Thorn Turn tidy tip is now open and proving to be very popular.

Key issues:

Dog warden patrols for dog fouling have been carried out in: Bassett Road, Billington Road, Billington Road Recreation Ground, Kestrel Way, Meadow Way and Vandyke Road.

Looking forward

Garden Waste suspension

As in previous years, all kerbside garden waste collections will be suspended for 12 weeks. This year's dates are between Monday 10 December 2018 and Friday 1 March 2019 inclusive. The last collection will take place on Friday 7 December and will resume on Monday 4 March 2019. Residents are encouraged to check their last garden waste collection date for their area, which will be either the week commencing Monday 26 November or Monday 3 December, and which can be found on the Council's website.

For more information about changes to your garden waste collection please visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/garden-waste

Refuse & recycling collections over the 2018/2019 Christmas and New Year period.

We are currently in the process of applying bin hangers to residents' black bins which communicates both the temporary garden waste suspension and the revised bin collection dates over the Christmas and New Year period. Further information appertaining to the Christmas collections will be provided to residents, Town and Parish Councils as well as other relevant stakeholders through a variety of different communication channels including press releases, newspaper adverts and social media throughout December.

Recycle your real Christmas tree

From week commencing Monday, 7 January to Friday, 18 January 2019, residents will be able to recycle their real Christmas tree by placing it next to their recycling bin on their scheduled waste collection day. As per previous years, tree segments should be no taller than 6ft and have trunks no greater than 3 inches in diameter. **No other garden waste will be collected during this period.**

Alternatively, residents will be able to dispose of their real Christmas tree at one of our four [Household Waste Recycling Centres](#).

Central Bedfordshire Household Waste Recycling Centres

All our sites including the one at Shenley Hill Road, Leighton Buzzard are open Monday - Sunday, 9am - 5pm except on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve 9am - 1pm. They're all closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day.

For further information on the revised refuse and recycling collections or any of Central Bedfordshire Council waste and recycling services please contact: Ian McMurdy, Waste Awareness Officer - 0300 300 5418 (x75418)

4. **HIGHWAYS**

4.1 **Jetpatcher**

4.2 **Gully cleaning**

You can keep up-to-date with the works by following us on Twitter @CBC_Highways

4.3 **Resurfacing Plan online**

The council's resurfacing plan is now online, providing details of which roads will be resurfaced. Dates are still to be confirmed but the roads from Leighton Buzzard are available on our website, here:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/transport/service/about.aspx>

4.4 **Report Issues Online**

Our Highways team would like to remind people to report any issues they see on the roads online, via their website.

You can report most highways problems online including [potholes, faulty streetlights, damaged pavements, faulty traffic lights, drainage problems, damaged signs and much more.

If you report a problem online your report will go straight to an engineer and you will also be given a unique tracking number so that you can keep up-to-date with your report.

You can report issues online by visiting www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/reportit

4.5 **Parking enforcement**

The following list of works have been commissioned and completed in Leighton Linslade:

Location		Works completed
Judges Lane, Leighton Buzzard	Whole road	DYs need repainting on the Church side

Judges Lane, Leighton Buzzard	Opposite the left side of the 'kidsout' building, outside the church	Sign needs removing, says mon-sat, misleading as it is next to DYL
Waterloo Road, Linslade	o/s house 17 opposite the park between bay windows	Sign needs changing from 8:30am-5pm to Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm
Wing Road, Linslade	Opposite house 88	SYL sign needs removing as it is a DYL
Station Road	Near station	DYLs are supposed to be SYLs
Ship Road	o/s house 16	Timeplate missing needs 4h no return within 2h, excluding permit holders
St Andrews St	Signage for SYLs	Mon- Sat 7am-7pm x3 all with new posts o/s St Andrews flats on corner and o/s house 26 and house 10
Basset Road	School markings	Needs repainting
Brooklands Drive	School markings	Needs repainting

The following works have been put forward for completion:

Victoria Road, nr The Gables	Disabled bay	L/W sign needs to be moved to within L/W bay
Dudley St	Disabled bay	Needs repainting
Basset Court, off Dogget St	School markings (Mary Basset Lower)	Needs repainting

Key

L/W: Limited Waiting Bay

SYL: Single Yellow Line

DYL: Double Yellow Line

D/B: Disabled Bay

O/S: outside

From 1st May to 31st October 2141 PCN's have been issued in Leighton Buzzard and 515 issued in Leighton Linslade.

4215 visits have been made to Leighton Buzzard from 1st May to 31st October and 1542 visits have been made to Leighton Linslade.

5. YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

The figures presented below are based on the data stored within the Youth Support Service's CCIS database for young people who are currently not in education, employment or training (NEET) recorded at the end of October 2018. Since tracking is an on-going process, the numbers will fluctuate throughout the month as information is received and recorded.

1) Update on NEETs within the wider Central Bedfordshire area

Headline Figures for the whole Central Bedfordshire area			
Cohort	Total number of young people	Positive destinations (EET)	NEET destinations
16 year olds / Year 12	2815	2625	52 (1.85%)
17 year olds / Year 13	2850	2462	95 (3.33%)
Combined cohort	5665	5087	147 (2.59%)

2) Overview for the Leighton Buzzard area compared to other local areas

	Dunstable	Houghton Regis	Leighton Buzzard
Total YPs in area	792	463	864
EET	756 (95.46%)	427 (92.23%)	829 (95.95%)
NEET	20 (2.53%)	22 (4.76%)	23 (2.67%)
Unknown/Refused	16 (2.03%)	14 (3.03%)	12 (1.39%)

3) Characteristics of the NEET Group in the Leighton Buzzard area

a) Summary of the individual Leighton Buzzard wards

Ward	Total number of YPs in the Year 12-13 cohort	Total number of YPs recorded as NEET	% of NEET within ward
Leighton Buzzard North	301	11	3.66%
Leighton Buzzard South	266	10	3.76%
Linslade	209	1	0.48%
Heath and Reach	88	1	1.14%
Total	864	23	2.6%

b) Summary of the Leighton Buzzard NEET cohort by age, time and their current status

Actual Age (Year 12 & 13)		Length of Time NEET		Gender	
16 years old	9	Less than 3 months	20	Male	14
17 years old	12	3 - 6 months	1	Female	9
18 years old	2	6+ months	2	Other/Refused	0

c) Summary status of the Leighton Buzzard NEET cohort

Status

Seeking Employment or Training	19	(82.61%)
Unable to work due to 'Personal Circumstances'	4	(17.4%)

6 **SCHOOLS**

School Organisation & Capital Planning

We continue to monitor and adjust the forecast for school places required in the towns as a result of planned housing developments in Leighton Buzzard and Linslade . Our School Organisation Plan (2017 – 2022) is available on our website [here](#). An updated version will be published shortly.

A need for new school places in Leighton Buzzard from housing developments to the west of the town resulted in the Council inviting Gilbert Inglefield Academy and Vandyke Upper School (academy) to expand to provide the spaces needed. In response to this request, consultations have been completed by the governing bodies of the two academies regarding the proposed expansions. Subject to a favourable response to the consultation and approval from the Councils' Executive, the academies will be expanded to provide an additional 2 forms of entry each from September 2020.

Central Bedfordshire is on the verge of significant growth over the next 15 -20 years as illustrated in the draft Local Plan. The plan, which proposes up 20,000 new homes as well as the creation of approx. 24,000 jobs, has been submitted to the government. Our School Organisation Plan is already forecasting significant pupil growth over the next five years, so we are seeking to develop a more strategic, long term plan, namely 'Schools for the Future', to map out how we best meet this growth in terms of school expansions, new school requirements or any other changes, to align our educational provision with the growth identified in our local plan. Schools for the Future includes on-going dialogue with all schools to seek to coordinate how we meet this growth to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for children. The feasibility studies for the new school places are being undertaken with Schools for the Future in mind, ensuring that they are futureproofed and appropriate when the Schools for the Future plan for each area is eventually agreed.

School Admissions

The 2019 admission rounds are now open for parents to make their applications;

- Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are due to start school (Reception Year) next September and parents have until 15 January 2019 to make their application to the School Admissions Team. On time applicants will be notified of the outcome on 16 April 2019 (national primary offer day).
- Parents of Year 4 pupils also have until 15 January 2019 to make their Transfer to Middle 2019 applications and will be notified of the outcome of their application, providing they apply by the deadline, on 16 April 2019

The national closing date for Transfer to Upper 2019 application period closed on 31 October 2018, so the School Admissions Team are currently processing these

applications and parents will be notified on 1 March 2019 (national secondary offer day) with the outcome on their application.

7. PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

7.1 Cheering Volunteering 2019

Planning is underway for Cheering Volunteering 2019 which will again be held at the Grove Theatre, Dunstable and will take place on Tuesday 4th June. The nomination form will be launched in the New Year. The nomination categories remain the same. Members of the Committee are asked to encourage nominations from their localities. Also photos of volunteer activity for the screenshow would be most welcome.

- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer Group of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution
- Lifetime Achievement
- Sports and Wellbeing Volunteer of the Year and
- Panels Choice

7.2 Town and Parish Council Conference held 8 November 2018

A town and parish council conference was held on Thursday 8 November 2018. Delegates received updates on:

- primary care, social prescribing and community catalysts
- planning application administration
- Report It Now!
- empty homes strategy
- how to become a Central Bedfordshire Council councillor

View the **[presentation from the event \(PDF 5.3MB\)](#)** 

8. PUBLIC HEALTH

8.1 NHS Health Checks

GP practices continue to be the sole provider of the NHS Health Check programme; however performance varies. NHS Health Checks are being delivered through 3 GP Practices in the Leighton Buzzard Locality, Salisbury House Surgery, Bassett Road Surgery and Leighton Road Surgery. The latest available data shows that from April 2018 to July 2018 384 Health Checks were delivered through these practices which equated to 97.2% of their year-to-date annual target delivery. This ranks 1st in terms of performance out of the 5 CCG localities to this point. They offered residents 1,100 Health Check opportunities, which at 122.6%, of the 'invite target' to date means that they offered Health Checks to more than the eligible population.

The quality of the NHS Health Checks delivered within the locality remains high at 94.4%, higher than the CCG average of 89.7%, and ranking 1st out of 5 CCG localities.

8.2 Stop Smoking Services

Public Health-commissioned Level 2 Stop Smoking Services are delivered in-house by Salisbury House GP Surgery. CBC Specialist Level 3 Support is delivered in Bassett Road, and Leighton Road are just referring in to the Level 3 Service.

From April to August inclusive, 2018/19 a total of 71 smokers set a quit date through these 3 services, which resulted in 49 successful quits. Bassett Road (160%), exceeded their set quitter target, with Salisbury House at 91% and Leighton Road 63%.

The other clinic delivered by the CBC L3 Specialist Service run at Tesco, delivered 2 quits from 10 smokers who set quit dates.

Extended treatment programmes are available to residents with a Mental Health diagnosis or COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder). The Smokefree Baby and Me programme is also available for pregnant smokers.

Call one of our advisors free on 0800 013 0553 (press 1 for Central Bedfordshire)

Fax: 0300 300 8285

Email: stop.smoking@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

<http://www.smokefreebedfordshire.org/>

9. SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING

Social Prescribing

The BRCC Community Wellbeing Champion covering the Leighton Buzzard Locality has launched as of the 1st November at the Bassett Road Surgery and is receiving appropriate referrals from a number of GPs and other health professionals who are part of the multidisciplinary team attached to the practice. The Community Wellbeing Champion has already established a good working relationship with their Community Matron which will prove to be an effective alliance. Zoe, the Community Wellbeing Champion, has also completed an extensive community mapping exercise of the area and this has not only incorporated Leighton Buzzard but Linslade and surrounding areas. She therefore has up-to-date knowledge of local groups and a variety of support organisations. She will be incorporating a health coach approach through her support sessions with clients, encouraging self-management and helping people improve their own health and well-being by accessing support in the community. Zoe can help people access support in the community through information giving, making referrals where appropriate, and building confidence and resilience in the individual by connecting them in with groups, activities and peer support.

In the very near future another GP Practice in Leighton Buzzard will be brought on board for this pilot to extend this initial work.'

10. LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

A summary of the work undertaken by the Pollution Team (part of Public Protection) in the Leighton Buzzard area from June to end of October 2018 inclusive:

We have responded to 47 complaints about commercial premises in the area, which is an increase on the number for the first half of the year and for the same period last year. 27 of these were in relation to noise from commercial premises (same as last period), from a variety of sources, the main culprits being pubs and construction sites. We received and responded to 8 odour complaints which is again similar to last period, but have seen an increase in dust complaints (7) which are arising from new construction sites, exacerbated by the long periods of dry weather that we experienced over the summer months. We also received and responded to 1 light nuisance complaint and 4 general service requests.

As stated above, many of the noise complaints relate to noise from pubs & clubs, and the summer weather and World Cup were factors that contributed to this. However, we only have one complaint active in relation to pubs and clubs at the present time, and are currently working with the premises to resolve this.