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The Hughenden Street Association vision:

For community life in Hughenden Parish to become better connected, supportive/supported, stronger and friendlier so that all residents are involved in it to the level they desire. This means working to create safer and connected communities encouraging residents to identify the needs of their neighbours to help them engage in the community. The Association has a key role to play in helping develop links to existing facilities whilst also working to support community groups to reach out to as many residents as possible.

So much has been achieved by the Street Association with more still to do together. Take a look: <http://bit.ly/2Skst40>

Scam Champion says: Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Anne Smart, Ward Leader for Hughenden Valley recently completed an online course to become a **Scam Champion**. Over the next few weeks she will be sharing what she has learnt with commentary from **Geoff Pegg** who not only is himself a **Scam Champion** but also designated a **Hero** because of his proactive work within **Wycombe Neighbourhood Watch**.

Sadly there are many coronavirus scams and some that are hitting the headlines at the moment include:

- ❖ Virus testing kits
- ❖ Vaccines or miracle cures – as we know only too well there is no such thing for Covid19
- ❖ Shopping or medication collection services
- ❖ Home decontamination services



So what **CAN** we do?

Quite simply **CHALLENGE** by:

- ✓ Not being rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true.....well, it probably is (sadly!)
- ✓ Only buy for legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information
- ✓ Don't assume that everyone is genuine. It is okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush you into making a decision. If you have any doubt talk to someone you trust
- ✓ If someone claims to represent a charity, ask for their ID.
- ✓ Be suspicious of anyone asking for money up front.
- ✓ If you feel pressurised then wait until you can talk to your family or friends.

If you think you have been scammed then contact your bank first.
To report a scam call: 0300 123 2040

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR: READ IT, SHARE IT, PREVENT IT

Life in Hughenden Valley Scarecrow competition – update

Deadline to register as a participant: 21st August

Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/3k9pt8v>

Following the trail – a great way to see your village and the fabulous displays. To register use this link: <https://bit.ly/30y9qcF>



Spotlight on.....

A NEW WAY to tackle the issues that matter most to our community

Buckinghamshire Council has set up a network of Community Boards (CBs) across the county to connect local people, organisations and groups to improve their local area. Following the introductory meeting held on 9th July organisers will be getting people, groups and organisations in the community to help shape key priorities ahead of the official launch in September. **Everyone is welcome!**

What is a Community Board?

It is a mechanism to identify the themes and issues that most need to be addressed for this area, with core meetings and working groups to look at specific projects and issues. The board will:

- represent the voices of local people;
- capture thoughts, ideas and suggestions in new ways;
- enable local conversations about priorities;
- identify needs within local communities and work to produce creative solutions;
- explore areas of interest;
- influence how decisions are made and public services are delivered.

Hughenden Street Association is already supporting the creation of a strong local network as part of the North West Chiltern Community Board. You can play a key part in this conversation. Let us know if you would like to join in to local conversation. Email: hughendenstreetassociation@gmail.com

Interested in finding out more and perhaps getting involved?

Further information has been uploaded to our **Facebook** page or you can email the Editor:
hughendenstreetassociation@gmail.com.

To find out more about this new County-wide approach:

The chairman for the North West Chilterns is Councillor Gary Hall and vice chairman Carl Etholen. If you want to find out more, contact their dedicated co-ordinator:
jackie.binning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-boards

Don't forget: Shielders/Self-isolating residents: have YOUR say about what HSA does next – survey closes at midnight, Friday 14th.

Here's the link: <https://bit.ly/3e3ReeB>

Contact the Editor – feedback/suggestions most welcome!

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Looking forward to hearing from you. *Hilda Stearn*

