

Parish Council Update – October 2025

HDC Annual Climate Conference 2025

When: Wednesday, 5 November 2025 (10:00-16:00)

Where: The Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, PE27 6WU

The theme this year is ‘Together for Tomorrow’ and aims to bring together residents, parish councillors, community groups, artists, policymakers and climate experts. The event will showcase local progress, celebrate innovation and set new goals for climate action across Huntingdonshire. Teas and coffees will be served throughout the day and a vegetarian and vegan lunch will be provided.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/huntingdonshire-district-councils-annual-climate-conference-2025-tickets-1692615000029?aff=oddtcreator>

Huntingdonshire to Explore Standalone Unitary Authority

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) has announced it will develop a business case for a standalone unitary authority as part of the government’s review of local government in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The proposal, known as Option E, would see Huntingdonshire become a unitary council in its own right, while Peterborough, Fenland and East Cambridgeshire would form a second council, and Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire a third. All county council services would be transferred to these new authorities.

A formal decision on the council’s preferred option is anticipated in the autumn, with an HDC Extraordinary Council meeting scheduled for November. Final decisions on reorganisation will be made by the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution, following government consultation.

Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Extension Approved

HDC has recommended approving the signing of leases to secure the extension of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve. The decision will give delegated authority to council officers to sign the leases for land adjacent to the existing reserve. Once gravel extraction and agreed restoration works are complete, the reserve will expand from 78 hectares to around 280 hectares, making it one of the largest in Cambridgeshire.

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