

Parish Council Update – July 2026

Inflatable Aquapark Hinchingsbrooke Country Park

The Council has announced the launch of a new inflatable aquapark attraction, due to open July 2026. The facility is to enhance the leisure provision and attract additional visitors to the park.

HDC also recognises that parking capacity at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park is a key concern for local residents, particularly during the busy summer months when visitor numbers are at their highest. To ensure the introduction of the aqua park does not place additional pressure on existing parking provisions, a temporary parking solution will be in place exclusively for aqua park customers throughout the 2026 season. This temporary facility will provide an additional 75 parking spaces and will be actively managed by stewards to ensure it is used solely by aqua park visitors.

WildFest Returns for a Second Year to Celebrate Huntingdonshire's Wildlife and Nature

HDC is delighted to be teaming up with Wild About Huntingdon to bring back WildFest, a free community event celebrating the incredible wildlife, green spaces and natural beauty found across Huntingdonshire.

Taking place as a free, one-day event, WildFest aims to bring together families, nature enthusiasts, local organisations and community groups for a day of outdoor activities, entertainment and wildlife-focused experiences.

Save the date for Sunday 26 July 2026 from 11am - 5pm at Riverside Park, Huntingdon.

Local Plan Briefing

Briefing on the Local Plan on the 7th July. The briefing provided important information on the development of the local plan, what shapes it, where we are now, and information on the evidence base that sits behind it including the approach to infrastructure and viability. The plan making systems and the process and timeline for the Local Plan were discussed. The response to public consultations has been the highest ever.

The timescale to have the Plan accepted under the existing legislation is to have everything submitted by December 31 2026. If for any reason, the deadline is not met, then HDC would have to start the whole process again under the new legislation.

Public Consultation Survey: Current vs Proposed Bus Network

A public engagement on proposed changes to bus services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough opened on Tuesday 16 June and runs until 5pm on 28 July. Details are here: <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-network-review-engagement/> - The survey should take 3-5 minutes.

Local bus services are currently being reviewed to improve reliability, connectivity and value for money. The proposals have been developed following an independent review of bus routes currently funded by the Combined Authority.

Hinchingbrooke Hospital Consultation

Hinchingbrooke has just launched a public and community engagement initiative, inviting local people to help shape the design of the new Hinchingbrooke Hospital, a brand-new hospital that will transform care for our communities for decades to come.

The Trust is inviting feedback on three key areas:

- How patients, visitors and staff arrive at and move around the hospital site
- What the future care experience should feel like, including single rooms and digital technology
- How the wider hospital site can support community life and wellbeing

Details of the project website: [**Have Your Say Today - Hinchingbrooke Hospital North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust - Commonplace where people can find out more**](#)

The engagement runs until 16th August 2026