

District Councillor's Report – May 2023

Flood Prevention

The Parish Council Flood Group is trying to identify flooding 'hots spots' in the village. If you are aware of areas in the village that are prone to flooding from river/stream, ground or surface water please email the Parish Clerk – clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk with details. The group's aim is to try and prevent flooding by alerting agencies to clean out drains, clear leaves and take other preventative action.



The Group now has access to pumps and other equipment that can be used if we experience flood events in the future. Along with the Parish Council I continue to meet regularly

with LLFA to try resolve any flood related issues.

Litter Picking

I'd like to give a big thank you to Mark Gardiner for establishing a litter picking group aimed at cleaning up the litter in the vicinity of Brampton Hut. Mark already volunteers with our Buckden litter pickers, who are doing an outstanding job of keeping our village free of litter. The litter problem around Brampton Hut is considerable, making it a significant challenge. Mark intends to repeat the initiative in May.



If you would like to organise a Community Litter Pick, HDC can help you. For more details, please go to <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/community-litter-picks/>

Allotments

I understand that there may be some plots and or half plots coming free at Buckden Allotments off Silver Street. Please contact clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk if you are interested in growing your own. Digging is easy at this time of year and there is still plenty of time to plant your veg. It's a great way of increasing you fitness, eating healthier and saving ££££s.



Local Plan Issues Paper Consultation for Local Plan Launched

Huntingdonshire District Council has launched the Issues Papers consultation as part of the next stage of the development of the council's new Local Plan.

Responding to this consultation, which runs for 10 weeks until Wednesday 5 July, is an opportunity for people to shape the future of Huntingdonshire.

The consultation highlights known issues in the district and asks for people's opinions on topics including responding to the climate crisis, enhancing the natural environment, supporting places, meeting housing needs for all, promoting a prosperous economy, developing high quality sustainable communities with supporting infrastructure, and distributing new growth.

There are three options to help people respond to the consultation:

- The Issues Engagement Paper – an in depth look at the issues including detailed questions to encourage comprehensive responses
- The Issues Summary Paper – a quick look at the headline issues, with one or two open questions to get your opinions
- The Issues Easy Read Version – a simplified document with tick box questions

People can complete the consultation online via the council's planning portal:
<https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/>

The Local Plan is an important District Council document that sets the statutory planning framework for the district, shaping development many years into the future. For further information on the update of the Local Plan, visit the webpage: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/localplanupdate

Wishing you well,

Martin

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