

CHAIR'S REPORT APRIL 2026

ROUNABOUT

The new team is now in place, and the May edition will be their first. From my knowledge of those involved, I am confident that they will be worthy successors.

I am also pleased to say that for most years since 2013/2014 Roundabout has made a surplus. There were losses in only 3 years, 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2023/2024

WASTE MINIMISATION

I attended the latest Waste Minimisation Meeting at HDC on 20th March. The Agenda covered current waste trend, the activities of the HDC Waste Minimisation Team and the new Food Waste Collection Service. HDC has sent me copies of the slide presentation which I will send to anyone who wants them.

ELECTIONS MAY 2026

Of the existing Members of the Parish Council, all but Billy Goodger and Mark Williams have been nominated, as has Richelle Boakes.

With 13 nominations for a 15 member Council all have been declared elected.

The Council will now be Richelle Boakes, Peter Clark, David Duncan, Madeline Fraser, David Gregory, Anne Howell-Jones, Aidan Joy, Emily Lankfer, Simon Leggate, Anita Pancholi-McCann, Gerry Sansom, John Thelwall and Caroline Underwood.

There will be an election for the District Councillor for Buckden as there have been 6 nominations:

Christopher Bulow (Green), Sean Clavin (Liberal Democrats), Catherine Grigg (Conservative), Martin Hassall (Independent), James Kerr (Labour) and Ian Simmonds (Reform UK)

NEWLANDS LOGISTICAL BUSINESS PARK

We have received a copy of a letter that Alconbury Parish Council sent to National Highways expressing concern at the traffic implications and asking National Highways to issue a holding direction to HDC until the applicant has completed a full overarching traffic modelling for both the Brampton Hut Interchange and the A1 Buckden roundabout.

At the request of Councillor Sansom and with the agreement of Councillor Underwood I wrote a similar letter on behalf of BPC which, because of the urgency, the Clerk has sent. A copy is attached for the Council's formal approval.