

Buckden Parish Council 14 July 2020

District Councillors Report

Meaningful Proportion payments to the Buckden Parish Council

The position on Lucks Lane, 18/02485/REM is as follows:

HDC have received 1 payment to date on the Demand Notice which was paid in February 2020 and the CIL Meaningful Proportion payments was paid to Buckden Parish in April 2020.

The further 2 payments are not due to be paid until October 2020 and July 2021 and if payments are made on time these would be paid to the Parish in April 2021 and October 2021

Third River Crossing

The proposal for the bridge has been dropped. The position is very straightforward - the devolution deal included a commitment to look at a third river crossing, that has now happened, and a better, more affordable and realistic scheme has been found.

The CPCA will now move forward with an outline business case for an A141 bypass and will also commission a full St Ives strategic transport study. These two actions combined will deliver more benefits for the local area than the river crossing would.

HDC Response to Coronavirus / Covid-19 Infographic data

Vulnerable Hub work:

Over 8,500 potentially vulnerable households contacted to check on their welfare

1,650 Prescriptions delivered for local pharmacies

900 residents signposted or referred to support from community groups

120 staff redeployed across the organisation to support the above

Ongoing Service Delivery = 76% of capacity

£30.8m received in business grants and £29.045m paid to 2324 local businesses – keeping the local economy going

	Number	Amount (£)
Small Business Grants	1,683	£16.830m
Retail, Hospitality, Leisure Grants 2A	254	£2.540m
Retail, Hospitality, Leisure Grants 2B	387	£9.675m
TOTAL	2,324	£29.045m

(As at 5 June 2020 and reported to BEIS)

Over 25,000 visitors to the “We Are Huntingdonshire” business hub

Over 40,000 emails sent to inform & support Huntingdonshire Businesses in response to Coronavirus

£650,000 distributed in Capital Grants, and 170 jobs guaranteed from the Combined Authority capital grant project as a result of Economic Development's activity

COVID-19 Business Impact & restart surveys distributed to gather local intelligence from business and inform future workstreams

Supply chain resilience opportunities provided for our manufacturing and food production businesses

Council Tax Hardship Fund

£500k awarded to 3,652 working age people in receipt of Council Tax Support

Council Tax deferrals

Instalments deferred on circa 3,000 accounts

Council Tax and Benefit Portal Accounts

Over 1,000 new personalised accounts have been set up so people can get details of their Council Tax account and Benefit claim on-line.

Expanded Retail Discount

977 local businesses are benefitting from a business rates holiday in excess of £20m (no business rates to pay at all this year)

(As at 12 June 2020)

Waste and Recycling:

989,140 collections

135 extra lorry loads of dry recycling and garden waste

No disruption to any of our collection services.

42 people Sleeping Rough or At Risk of Sleeping Rough accommodated

Approximately 400 members of District Council staff provided the tools and services with which to work remotely

Community Chest Grant Scheme

Expanded funding scheme to help financially support community organisations and projects that are working in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 22 Groups have submitted successful applications.

Extension to HDC Grass Cutting Programme

HDC taking on grass cutting of County Council owned grassed land (including cost)

Hamish Masson District Councillor