

District Councillor's Report – June 2023

Huntingdonshire District Council Launches Recycling Poster Competition

Huntingdonshire District Council is calling all young artists to take part in a recycling poster competition that could see the winner(s) have their artwork printed and installed onto one of our collection vehicles.

The competition opens on Monday 5 June and closes on Monday 10 July. There are two age categories for the competition: category A, ages 3-6 years inclusive, and category B, ages 7-11 years inclusive. **Use bold and bright pens and pencils and A4 landscape paper and email your artwork to wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk.**

The winner(s) will also be invited to visit HDC's depot and be one of the first to see their designs on the side of our collection trucks.



From January to April, the content of over 3 800 blue recyclable bins was sent to landfill as their contents were not fully recyclable or contained black sacks. This number equates to roughly 33,000 kg. We are estimating that this emitted between 23,1 - 56,1 tonnes of CO₂. 1 tonne of CO₂ is equivalent to the production of almost 14,000 chicken fillets, or even heating a 25m² apartment for one year. 50 tonnes of CO₂ are the equivalent of driving for over 188 000 miles in a Compact MPV (Fiat 500L type of car) which is like driving around the world 7.5 times. This can be reduced simply by recycling properly.

You can view the terms and conditions of the competition on at:
<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/competition>

Check if you are recycling properly here: <https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/waste-minimisation/>

East West Rail: Route Update Announcement

The preferred route announcement for East-West rail has now been announced. The headline is that the route is now planned to head through Tempsford, not South St Neots, which will mean Huntingdonshire does not get a station as part of the proposed scheme.

Following consultation, the conclusion of the review, is that Tempsford has greater potential for development that would support significant economic growth than a station at St Neots. This was largely linked to consolidated land ownership and the opportunity to reuse a decommissioned RAF base.

HDC will continue to lobby hard for a wider benefits package including links to skills and employment for local people etc and ensure heavy community engagement on the proposal.



East West Rail is a nationally significant railway project which aims to deliver much-needed transport connections for communities between Oxford and Cambridge by:

- Upgrading an existing section of railway between Oxford and Bicester
- Bringing back a section of railway between Bicester and Bletchley
- Refurbishing existing railway between Bletchley and Bedford
- Building brand new railway infrastructure between Bedford and Cambridge

For more information: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/routeupdate>

Town and Parish Forum - 14th June

This year's forum takes place on the 14th June, between 10am-4pm at Burgess Hall.

The purpose of the day will be around 'Do, Enable and Influence', and HDC working together with Towns and Parishes to better serve our residents. The programme will cover Health, Huntingdonshire Futures, Planning and Biodiversity. Our services will also be hosting stalls for guests to drop by throughout the day.

If a representative(s) of Buckden Parish Council were able to attend it would be most appreciated. Please contact emma.little@huntingdonshire.gov.uk if councillors would like to attend (and haven't already let HDC know).

It would be great to have a good turn out from the councils, so that there can be some good conversations on not only what HDC does, but also about what Towns and Parishes do now and potentially can do in the future, and where opportunities exist for us to deliver more together.

Wishing you well,

Martin

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