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The Greater Cambridge Local Plan

How we will live, work, and play over the next 20 years and beyond.

Some of you may remember in early 2020 there was encouragement for residents of Greater Cambridge to be involved in what was called the "Issues and Options Consultation 2020". At the time there were events held outside supermarkets, train stations and other areas with a high footfall. The Parish Council also arranged events at the Red Lion and St. Audrey's Close Community Centre to get opinions.



The results are now in. The First Proposals for the Plan will be available for public consultation from 1 November until 13 December 2021.

What does this mean for us?

Extract: "We want Greater Cambridge to be a place where a big decrease in our climate impacts comes with a big increase in the quality of everyday life for all our communities. New development must reduce carbon emissions and reliance on the private car; create thriving neighbourhoods with the variety of jobs and homes we need".

The plan is expected to be adopted around 2024/2025. The calculations predict as many as an additional 56,500 homes will be needed to support the predicted 78,700 additional jobs over the next 20 years. It is worth noting that 36,400 homes are already

in the pipeline and it is possible that only 40,300 extra homes will be required including those already in the pipeline. However, these are the upper limits, the current proposals are for just 11,596 additional homes.

Where will these homes go? At what density will these homes have to be built at? How will the existing roads, footpaths, cycleways and public transport cope? Will there be major improvements to these? Will a number of green credentials be mandatory? Do we have enough water to support these additional homes? Will the affordable housing policy change?

On initial inspection, it appears potential sites in Histon and Impington will not be part of the first proposals for new homes and businesses, but this local plan is still likely to have an effect on us.

There are a substantial number of documents involved with this and more are underway. When the public consultation starts in November 2021, this will be our opportunity to comment on, for example, the proposed new homes in North East Cambridge (including on the current waste water treatment plant) and proposed new settlements on the outskirts.

The more people involved in this consultation, the greater the chance of us living in a Greater Cambridge we will want to live in.

The Parish Council is planning to run Q & A sessions regarding the Local Plan later in the year to help residents comment. We hope these will take place in the Community Room at the Recreation Ground, but depending on the Covid rates nearer the time, they may take place online.

Simon Jocelyn
Chair of Histon & Impington Parish Council
Planning Committee

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two pull out
sections
from HI Hub
and HI
Friends



Dementia Friends Training

The Parish Council is pleased to say that all the current office staff and two-thirds of the ground staff team have now attended a Dementia Friends Information Session, with Amelia Luck and Theresa King attending the latest session on Tuesday, 14 September. This included considerations made for post pandemic impacts on people with dementia and the impact that the illness as a whole can have on people, with some simple ways we can help people in our day to day dealings with them.



Concluding the Information Session means that the Council will be well on the way to being recertified as a Dementia Friend and can be invited to sign up to become part of the new Dementia Friendly Community, a joint project between the Alzheimer's Society and HI Forget-me-not, part of HI Friends.

A special thank you to Jan Payne, HI Forget-me-not Project Leader for facilitating this for us.



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Old Infants' School Playing Field



When the Infants' School closed, and the pupils transferred to Park Primary, they left behind a building loved by many, but also the field they had played on.

They weren't the only users - the adjacent Early Years Centre were also able to use it, as were a few of the Histon Hornets teams. And once a year, the Baptist Church based Holiday Club took advantage of the field, just a short walk from HBC.

Following discussions with the County Council in July, the Parish Council have taken it on, in the very short term, under an agreement called a "Tenancy at Will". This will last at most 6 months, but at the Council meeting on 20 September a proposal is being put to enter into a short lease (for 7 years). Meanwhile the grass is being cut regularly, and pedestrian access is now possible at any time via a new gate to the side of the main gates.

Regular use is already being made by the youngest of the Hornets teams who report: "We've been using the pitch a few times now and really loved it. It's working so well for our 20 boys and girls."

Discussions have also recently started with the Head at the Early Years Centre about improving and enhancing the area to the west of the field as a forest school area - she says that they're looking forward to taking this forward with the Council.

The land is well protected for now, and though put forward as a possible development site in the Local Plan, it looks as though that isn't going to happen. It's also one of the Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan. Department for Education permission is also needed for a change of use, even to a change for community use.

So, we've got this space - easily accessible by much of the village without having to cross major roads - how do you think we ought to be using it? Is it best just to enjoy it as it is? Or something else?

Do let us know what you think!

*Denis Payne, Chair, Histon & Impington
Parish Council*



What do we do?

On our own or in partnership with others we:

- Staff and run the Parish Office - open by appointment only Monday - Thursday
- Own and maintain, with our own staff, the Recreation Ground - sporting and play facilities and the Burial Ground at Mill Lane
- Own and maintain play space at The Green
- Own and maintain open space areas at - The Green, School Hill, Windmill Gardens. Homefield Park, South Road, Clay Close Lane, Doctor's Close, The Coppice, The Copse, Ambrose Way, rear of Manor Park and the old Infant School playing field
- Own and maintain the War Memorial
- Provide litter bins, bus shelters, seats, noticeboards and allotments
- Fund the mobile village warden, the village wellbeing team, older person's worker, youth workers and youth facilities
- Run the community website www.hisimp.net
- Comment on planning applications, strategic plans and are widely consulted on matters that affect Histon and Impington and their residents

How do we work?

- We currently have 17 councillors, with 2 vacancies, all councillors are voluntary and unpaid
- We meet monthly at The Community Centre at the Recreation Ground (third Monday of the month)
- A quorum of at least 7 councillors is required at meetings
- Councillors need to be satisfied they are responding to the needs and views of the community
- By law, all meetings must run using Standing Orders
- All councillors are responsible for the annual statement of accounts submitted for audit
- We set annual budgets and collect precepts from South Cambridgeshire District Council to pay for budgeted items
- As well as meeting the third Monday monthly, we run our own committees: Environment; Planning; Finance & Assets; Recreation; Highways plus various working parties and Task & Finish groups
- And provide representatives to groups including: Police Liaison; Mobile Warden Scheme; IVC Liaison

Flu Campaign 2021

As you may have been aware, one of the largest flu vaccine suppliers has experienced issues due to the nationwide lorry driver shortage, which has meant significant delays of vaccine deliveries to GP surgeries across the UK.

This has impacted our flu campaign this year, meaning we have had to cancel over 1000 booked appointments and reschedule new dates. This time consuming work has now been completed and all patients who had booked an appointment with us have been booked into a new appointment. These patients should have received confirmation of this new appointment date and time. If the rescheduled appointment date and/or time is not convenient or you no longer need the appointment, please contact the surgery to re-book or cancel.

Unfortunately, due to the work involved in rescheduling our flu campaign, we no longer have the capacity to individually contact the remaining eligible patients inviting them to book in, and therefore invite all eligible patients to contact the surgery and book an appointment now.

Eligibility

- those aged 50 years and over
- those aged 6 months to under 50 years in clinical risk groups: Chronic renal disease; Chronic heart disease; Chronic respiratory disease; Chronic liver disease; Diabetes; Immunosuppression; Chronic neurological disease
- pregnant women
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- Carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline health and social care staff

Child Flu Dates

Our supply of child flu vaccines has not been impacted and we ran our first child flu vaccine clinic in September.

We have been contacting parents of children aged 2-3 years, and children with underlying health conditions, inviting them to book an appointment with us. If you have not heard but think your child is eligible, please contact us at the surgery.

Please be aware that all children aged 4-15 years (reception to year 11) will receive their vaccine via the School Immunisations Team. If you home school children within this age bracket, please contact the School Immunisations Team using the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/hdjvzk7r>

New Adult Flu Campaign Dates

Histon: Saturday 2, 9, 30 October; Sunday 3 October; Saturday 6 November

Cottenham: Saturday 23 October; Sunday 24 October

Cancelled Adult Flu Dates

If you had booked into the below dates, please be aware we have rescheduled you a new appointment and will have sent you a text or letter confirming the new date and time, if you have not consented to text messaging.

Histon: Saturday 25 September; Sunday 19 September; Saturday 16 October

Cottenham: Sunday 10 October

If you have booked into these dates and have not yet heard from us, please contact the surgery.

Covid Booster

Based on the most recent guidance, patients will be invited to book an appointment for their Covid Booster using the National Booking System, and will need to attend the Mass Vaccination Hubs.

We thank our patients who have offered patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Stay Safe, Be Kind

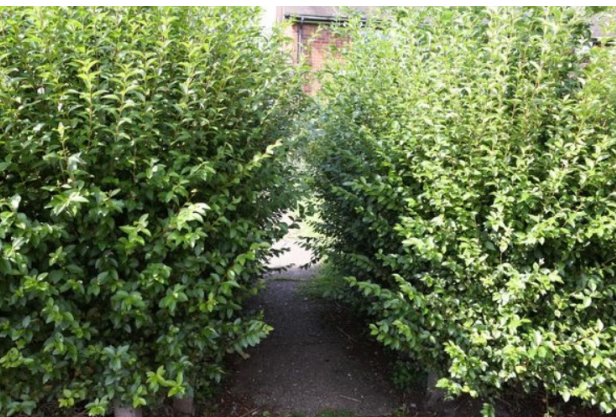
Firs House Surgery, Histon

Overgrown Vegetation

If your property is next to a public path, please look at it from that side to see if it requires attention. People on mobility scooters, children on scooters or in pushchairs and those with poor eyesight are particularly vulnerable.

Over the years, boundary hedges can spread outwards and although trimmed and maintained may still impede people using paths. Please cut back hedges to the original path line and ensure overhanging vegetation or trees from the property do not obscure lamp columns or street signs.

Between now and the end of February is a good time to carry out any maintenance work, before the nesting season starts.



New Pastor of Histon Baptist Church

Chris Farmer, the new pastor of Histon Baptist Church, is known to many in Histon and Impington. He trained for youth ministry at Ridley Hall in Cambridge, was youth leader at All Saints Church, Milton, and then led a growing youth work at Histon Baptist Church. He and his wife Kate, a nurse, and their three children, moved out of the villages in 2016 when Chris responded to a call to ministry. His training was at Spurgeon’s College, and he was minister-in-training and then minister at Braintree Baptist Church.

With Ron Day’s retirement in 2020, Church members were seeking a new pastor and Chris had for some time been discerning a calling to come back to Histon, or rather to go forward again in Histon. The timing all dovetailed, and the church agreed that Chris, with his training and experience in leading a church, would be someone to inspire and guide the church at a time when new people are joining.

Chris has always had a concern that the church should be outward-looking. When he was here before he helped lead various youth groups, including Boys’ and Girls’ Brigade groups, and several Youth Alpha courses to encourage faith development amongst young people. He took a group of young people on a trip to Tanzania to engage in work there and he has been involved in the local schools, including IVC, setting up a yearly Transitions project, helping some vulnerable children to transition from junior school to IVC.

The induction of Chris to the pastorate of Histon Baptist Church was held on Saturday 11 September 2021. Among those joining with the church’s members for the occasion were Denis Payne, chair of the Parish Council; Canon James Blandford-Baker, Vicar of Histon and Impington, who brought greetings from Churches Together; and representatives from several schools, churches and other groups.

Chris says: ‘We are very excited to be back in the village once again. It is familiar but also new. Many things have changed and moved on over the last five years since we left, not least



because of Covid. But I feel assured that God has brought us back to help move the church forward and I look forward to exploring what that might be!’

Ian Randall

Village Society Continues to Capture Memories

With the launch of new book: Histon - On and Off The Rails

The Publications committee of Histon and Impington Village Society (H&IVSoc) is delighted to announce the launch of the society's latest book: Histon - On and Off the Rails by Geoffrey Smallwood, our much loved and respected committee member. This is the society's first new publication since 2018 and is based on many years of research.

Drawing upon the memorabilia and highly entertaining memories of local residents, this beautifully illustrated book provides an in-depth guide to the history of Histon Station and its effect on the people and villages it served. Boasting over 200 photographs, it celebrates bygone times and captures a lost era of the village - a must read for all local residents and train enthusiasts alike.



Geoffrey Smallwood in front of the classic steam locomotive Sir Nigel Gresley

For over 130 years the Loop branch line through Histon and Impington made a significant contribution to the local economy. Opening in 1847 as a marginal venture, it catered for local farmers and fruit growers. However, in the 1850s, when Stephen Chivers invested in a large orchard next to the station, village life changed dramatically. By 1875 the world famous Chivers fruit preserving factory plus railway sidings had been erected. The station became a major hub of the community.

Until the implementation of the Clean Air Act, huge quantities of coal destined for London power stations and gas works regularly trundled through Histon and Impington. In 1970 passenger services ceased, followed by freight in 1992. Today the route has been replaced as you all know by the guided busway.

When Geoffrey, a local resident and previous H&IVSoc Chair, was asked what led him to write the book, he had this to say:

"Eleven years ago - that seems a long time - Histon & Impington Village Society put on a

Son et Lumière show in Histon Church about the villages' history. Included was a sequence about Histon Station, which prompted me to find out more about it. Yes, I was 'volunteered' (genuine!) by members of the Village Society History Group to write up all my detailed research which has culminated in this book.

Rather than simply dealing with railway facts, I have tried to include as much as possible about the people involved and how it has affected so many villagers since 1847, including the huge influence of Chivers. I have spoken to lots of helpful people which has reignited wonderful memories, such as the story of the locomotive fireman who combined raising steam with courting his future wife on the platform! I hope village readers will find these personal memories and recollections interesting and they will now be kept alive for many years to come.

I would like to thank the H&IVSoc committee for all their support to ensure this book came to fruition, especially Eleanor Whitehead, Barbara Parr, Jane Dean and our local artist, Andrew Oliver, who has so kindly been responsible for the wonderful design and layout. A big team effort!"

The A4 illustrated book costs £11.99. 100% of proceeds go to support future publications and ensure the village society continues to further its aims to support local residents. We would like to ask all residents to spread the word to help us make this special book a huge success. Copies are on sale from 25 September.

Online Order form:

<https://tinyurl.com/2mue92n7>

Email: handivsoc@gmail.com

NB If you have no online access, please contact:

Anna Roberts (Publications Officer) Tel 01223 233469

Katherine Mann, Histon & Impington Village Society



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Histon Library Update

Work is continuing on the building of the new library. Keep an eye on the library web page for updates; <https://tinyurl.com/ca5mrz82>

In the meantime a temporary library continues to be provided via a mobile library located at New School Road, Histon, CB24 9LL as an interim measure. Opening times are Monday and Thursday 10am - 6pm, and Saturday 10am - 1pm. Please stop by and pay us a visit if you haven't yet done so. Any reservations you make online can also be collected here.

Terri Lewis, Area Library Manager

Histon Library
Proposed Library Design - Revision A



News from the Histon Post Office



In view of Barclays Bank in the village reducing their opening hours, we would like to remind everyone that Histon Post Office provides banking facilities for most of the major banks including Barclays. You can deposit or withdraw cash without any extra charge and deposit cheques with your sort code and bank account details or with paying in slips. All these facilities are available Monday to Saturday during Post Office opening times.

The Forget-me-not Luncheon Club

A new luncheon club for those living with memory loss and their carers
An opportunity to enjoy lunch and refreshments, and make new friends

Thursdays fortnightly, £10
starting Thursday 23rd September
midday to 1.30pm

At Saint Andrew's Centre, Histon
Meals provided by the Saint Andrew's Café

Transport available

For information contact Sarah on 07934 817316
or email sarah@hifriends.org.uk

Activity organised by HI Friends
in partnership with
St. Andrew's Church, Histon

Local Charity Adapts and Perseveres

The Connections Bus Project has been providing youth services in Cambridgeshire for over 25 years, but is arguably currently experiencing its toughest period in all that time. However, through adaption and perseverance, the charity is surviving and hoping to thrive. Read on to hear from the charity's Project Manager (Alan Webb) on how they have faced challenges and are moving forward.

As soon as the pandemic started (and throughout), we have sought the guidance of the National Youth Agency (NYA) to ensure our work adhered to government guidance, in order to maintain our high standards and to provide support for young people in a safe secure way. Initially it became clear that use of our 2 metre wide youth buses would in no way be possible. They were quickly mothballed and have been off the road for 16 months. Our building based youth work was also not possible and 15 youth sessions a week dropped to zero in the space of a few days.

First attempts at any sort of online service clearly showed that the young people we work with were not interested in this, however our babysitting courses switched to Zoom and 5 courses were able to be run in this way.

As summer 2020 approached, we took the step to train up most of our sessional youth workers in detached youth work, enabling them to go out in pairs and walk through villages engaging with the young people they met. Government guidance meant that we were unable to advertise these sessions and so as autumn and winter approached, being outdoors saw less young people and the lockdown of January 2021 kicked in.

The next step was to accelerate an idea that we had always hoped would happen, with the purchase of our youth van, equipped with outdoor activities, games and a hot chocolate maker! This meant we could promote our sessions again and reconnect with young people in person, letting them know we were still there to help.

The youth van has been running outdoor youth clubs in six villages a week since May 2021, and has accumulated nearly 100 hours of youth work sessions. Attendance has grown over this period with a mix of a few young people who had previously attended youth bus session and a larger number of those about to move up into school Year 7. Mixed weather has not helped but we are building good foundations with young people who we hope to support over the



coming years. We offer a listening ear, a safe place to meet with friends, someone to play a game with, as well as advice on every topic under the sun!

With many restrictions being lifted, it is clear that our building based youth work will be able to recommence in autumn 2021 but we are still waiting to hear about our youth buses. We'll follow the very latest guidelines in place at the time as we look to start using our youth buses again, to keep everyone safe.

We have been successful in gaining some of the funding needed to get the youth buses roadworthy again and are going ahead with one at the moment so that we can train up new drivers and be ready. The other will wait until we have confirmation. There is still a shortfall on the costs for repairs so if you are able to help please check out our giving page

<https://tinyurl.com/85ynpsu6>

We are also purchasing equipment for the youth van and are having flight cases made so that we can use the van fully loaded with moveable equipment to run pop-up youth clubs. This will enable the use of community buildings without the need for storage and equipment on site. Everything comes out of the van and everything goes back in.

This has been a difficult period but the Trustees and staff have aimed to preserve our resources so that we can return, but with new and unique ways to continue to provide youth services in the county.

We are a small devoted team who recognise the increasing importance of open access youth work for young people who have had some of the toughest months, with little help and support. If you are like minded then we are keen to add to our board of trustees, more details can be found on our website: www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/vacancies. Ed Cameron, who's been a trustee with The Connections Bus Project for five years, said, "The pandemic has had such an impact on people from all walks of life including many of our young people. While we were very reluctant to press pause on the youth work back in March 2020, it was the best thing to do to keep everyone safe. It's great to have found new ways of delivering youth services and being able to reconnect with young people, offering somewhere safe for them to hang out with friends, make new ones and have someone who can listen and offer advice on anything needed."

More information about the charity and which villages we are working in can also be found on our website.

Alan Webb, Project Manager, The Connections Bus Project



Green Canopy

It's time for an update!

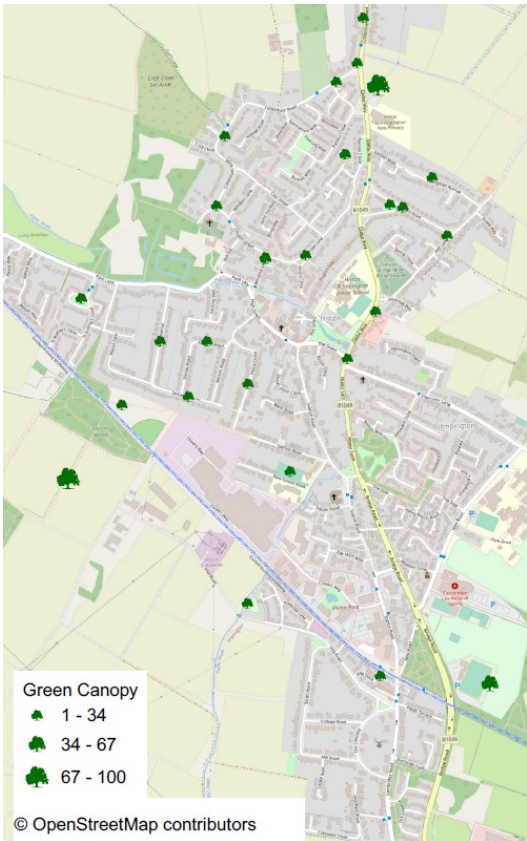
The Green Canopy Survey was held during Feast Week. We asked people to walk around the village and let us know locations for possible tree planting. We had 38 responses and 32 suggestions. Some people suggested the same locations. The ideas were a good mix of single trees on grassy corners or verges, through to larger projects.

Now its time to digest the data and start the planning. The map below shows the locations of the suggestions. Not all will be suitable, and we'll need to get landowner permission for all of them. We also need to plan the planting (number of trees and varieties) and raise funds. So it's a lot of work, but I'm hopeful that we'll do some planting over the coming Winter months. We should be in a good position to plant in Winter 2022 when the whole country will be planting trees to create a network of individual trees, tree avenues, copses and woodlands in honour of Her Majesty's 70th Jubilee.

The Parish Council is very supportive of our project in Histon & Impington and will be working with the County Council (who own most of the highway verges) to plant up some of the single tree suggestions. The larger projects will take more time, but I'm hopeful that we'll see planting of about 60 trees on land to the North of the village on Mill Lane Farm this year. And of course, we're planting another 525 trees on the field between the Holiday Inn and B1049. We're planning a big community planting event on Saturday 27 November, and everyone is invited.

If you're interested in planting trees, want to take on a project, or just want to find out more, then contact Dan Mace at dan.r.mace@gmail.com

Dan Mace



Open Eco Homes Tours

Local charity, Cambridge Carbon Footprint, are hosting Open Eco Homes free home tours and talks. This year the events are almost exclusively taking place **online** and will include two new builds, six retrofits (including a church) and five expert-led talks. The programme of events starts next week and will be running until 15 October.



Programme of Events:

- Tour: Learning from Passivhaus Living: CB1 - 2 October 4pm - 5pm
- Tour: Whole House Approach to 1960s Retrofit: CB24 - 5 October 7pm - 8pm
- Talk: Smart Electric Homes - 7 October - 7.30pm - 8.30pm
- Talk: Planning Your Retrofit - 8 October - 7pm - 8pm
- Talk: Home Energy Innovation - 11 October—7pm - 8pm
- Tour: Eco-Redevelopment for City Centre Church: CB1 - 14 October - 7pm - 8pm
- Tour: DIY 1960s EnerPHit Retrofit: CB1 - 15 October - 7pm - 8pm

Open Eco Homes has been helping local residents reduce their carbon footprint and improve the comfort of their homes for over 10 years now.

Whether you are looking for ‘easy win’ actions such as draught-proofing or insulation or expert advice to support you to put together a whole house retrofit, experts are on hand to help.

More information and how to book can be found on the Cambridge Carbon Footprint Website: <https://tinyurl.com/rfbfryn3>.

Histon Handmade

After reinventing itself last year with a very successful online Marketplace, Histon Handmade is eagerly planning and reviewing its activities for 2021.

Anyone wanting to stay up to date with how plans progress can keep checking the website at www.histonhandmade.com

Those preferring to receive email updates can sign up to the mailing list either by dropping an email to histonhandmade@hotmail.com or by filling in the contact form on the website.

For the really tech savvy, there’s always social media!

Facebook: [@histonhandmade](https://www.facebook.com/histonhandmade)

Twitter: [@HistonHandmade](https://twitter.com/HistonHandmade)

Instagram: [@histonhandmade](https://www.instagram.com/histonhandmade)

HI Friends Autumn Quiz

Friday 15th October 7.45pm
St Andrews Centre, Histon

Teams of up to 6 welcome
Tickets £8, including baked potato with choice of fillings
Please bring your own drink

To book a team call Neil at 01223 232 514
or email info@hifriends.org.uk

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Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan in Action



Many of you will remember successfully voting to make our Histon and Impington Neighbourhood Plan become a statutory planning document in the referendum of 7 May 2021. There was an amazing 51% turnout, and 90.7% of the votes cast were in favor of accepting our Plan.

Since then, several initiatives have started to build on the aspirations listed in our Neighbourhood Plan:

Our last Hisimp News contained an article on

the Parish Council Recreation Survey, now completed with a 13% turn-out; Histon Feast included a Loyalty Card scheme with contributions from local businesses; Abbey Field Walks introduced people to new areas of natural beauty within the villages; and our Village Feast consistently highlighted the very best of our Villages as has historically been the case.

This edition of Hisimp News continues that great work, with the inclusion of not one, but two inserts, sponsored by HI HUB and HI Friends. It also highlights new initiatives for the village and supports great work from our local groups and businesses who are investing in themselves to secure their ability to operate during Covid and beyond. It also shows the strong partnerships and joint communications by village groups and businesses to increase their impact by joining the dots to create bolder and more cohesive facilities and services.

All of these initiatives build on the aspirations listed in our Neighbourhood Plan. See hisimp.com/feast & hiplan.net

Wherever I look there is work going on in our Villages to increase the benefits to our community by our local businesses, our Parish Council, our local charities, and groups. I see bolder thinking in the building of new relationships, and new activities and events being made available to re-energize our community post Covid. I list below the Neighbourhood plan vision approved by you, and thank all of you for all you are doing for our community. I also ask what you would like to see carried out by your local Parish Council to build community and facilities in our village.

If you would like to be involved in evolving the next version of our Neighbourhood Plan, please do contact our Parish Office Team or email clerk@hisimp.net.

Yvonne Murray, Vice Chair, Histon & Impington Parish Council

Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan Vision

Histon & Impington is and will continue to be a cohesive, single community with a special character next to but separate from Cambridge.

The diversity of the community will be maintained, embracing the many village characteristics, providing employment opportunities (including currently in a business park and an industrial site) and sustaining a popular high street.

The community will be ‘sustainable’ and ‘resilient’ with the necessary physical and social infrastructure. As far as it can, Histon & Impington will look after itself, providing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to live well.

The Green Belt will be protected. There will be no large-scale housing developments; acknowledging this, the community gives high importance to there being housing for those on lower incomes.

It will be a welcoming, diverse, inclusive, and tolerant community.

Histon & Impington will be a community which recognises its heritage and remains rooted in it, but also embraces the advantages that technology can bring to deliver the different elements of this vision.

Loyal, caring and inspiring - Janet retires after 32 years at Histon & Impington Junior School

A teacher who has given over 30 years “dedication and commitment” to Histon & Impington Junior School has left the classroom for the last time.



Janet Jenkins, who first walked through the school doors as a supply teacher in November 1988 before landing a full-time role, has retired at the age of 65 having served as Assistant Headteacher, Head of Year 6 and SENDCo lead. A Histon resident herself, Janet’s children both attended Histon & Impington Junior School, and she even taught her eldest daughter in Year 5. The school, which from September 2021 is called Histon & Impington Brook Primary, is a place she poignantly refers to as “my second home”.

“I’ve absolutely loved working with everyone,” Janet said. “My colleagues have been amazing and the children have always been really charming to work with. The school has only had four Headteachers since the school was opened in the 1970s, and I’ve been at other schools where there hasn’t been that stability and leadership. I’ve always been looked after and seen the school as a safe haven. I can still recall my first day and feeling grateful for the opportunity as I didn’t get a job in teaching straight after leaving college. I’ve always been really happy. I have been asked to go to other schools, but loyalty and the challenge here meant I stayed.”

“As well as being a class teacher my subject responsibility was at first PE and, later on, I was asked to take on a SENDCo role alongside my teaching responsibilities,” Janet recalled. “When I first started a lot of children with special educational needs would go to a special school and I only worked for half a day a fortnight as SENDCo. Today, most children with special educational needs are catered for in mainstream education and there is a lot more training and support. We have Teaching Assistants (there were no TAs 30 years ago) to help the children, and I have line managed at least 20 TAs at Histon & Impington Junior School. For the last ten years, I was also the SENDCo for Hatton Park Primary school which I really enjoyed, especially as it was a primary school, so I got to know the children when they came into their Reception classes. I provided special educational needs school-to-school support for Somersham Primary School, also part of Cambridge Primary Education Trust, and

other schools in the area. There is much more professionalism in the SENDCo role these days and across the sector we’re trying to find a consistent and effective way of doing things.”

As Assistant Headteacher and Head of Year 6, Janet admitted that teaching is a different profession to the one she joined. “When I started teaching, I used to help run Cubs and Guides and make my own and friends and family’s curtains, as well as looking after my young family and I’m not sure how I found time for it all,” she said. “Today, accountability has changed: it’s a lovely job, but it’s now a full-on job. Talking to each other and working as a team has been so important. For teachers joining the profession, my advice is to get to know your children really well, in and out of the classroom, ensure there is a good transition between their last teacher and yourself and communicate with parents. Seek help because you should never be on your own - discuss your priorities with your mentor. The support I’ve had from the school, and the Trust, over the years has been huge.”

Speaking about her retirement, Janet has now identified some priorities: “I’m looking forward to spending time with family and friends. I have eight grandchildren, including two in Australia. I’m also looking forward to taking some holidays as soon as we can. I was so lucky to be able to enjoy visiting the Galapagos Islands, one of my lifetime dreams, South America, the Seychelles and Australia and am keen to explore the rest of the world and also revisit the many lovely parts of the UK.”

Lesley Birch, Executive Principal/CEO of Cambridge Primary Education Trust, said: “As a colleague, Janet has been loyal, caring and inspiring. In her roles as Assistant Headteacher, Head of Year 6 and SENDCo lead, Janet has been very much at the centre of teaching and learning in our Trust, and she worked with children, staff and families showing tremendous dedication and commitment. Every child mattered to her and she aimed to overcome barriers for all children to enable them to flourish. We’ll miss Janet greatly, but will continue to value her friendship and wish her well in retirement.”

Cambridge Primary Education Trust

Histon & Impington Library Friends Books Sales

Looking forward to choosing your books for cosy winter reading?

Until the new library is opened, we have the HILF book sales on the Green on the second Saturday of every month, 10am - Midday, weather permitting.



www.hisimp.net

The Forget-me-not Journey

A mutual support group for those experiencing memory loss: those recently diagnosed and living with dementia, and those who journey with them
An opportunity to share and learn from others, with different subjects covered each week

Starts Wednesday 3rd November, 2pm -3pm
Continues Wednesday weekly to 8th December

Saint Andrew's Impington Church Hall

For more information contact:
Sarah: 07934 817316, sarah@hifriends.org.uk
or Jan: jan@hifriends.org.uk



Bringing people together to improve wellbeing



Community Gritters - We Need You!

Local volunteers can help to keep Histon and Impington moving in freezing weather by taking part in the Community Gritting Scheme.

Volunteers can sign up to grit local footpaths chosen by the Parish Council using equipment provided by Cambridgeshire County Council.

If you would like to know more or wish to volunteer, please email clerk@hisimp.net for a Community Gritting Training Pack.

Registration forms need to be completed by the end of October so please get in touch to sign up and become a volunteer.



Caution
Gritting in progress

Organised by HI Friends

HI Friends of Histon & Impington Community

A weekend of Christmas Community Events

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 December

Including:

Santa Runs for all the family

Christmas Tree Festival

Christmas themed quiz

Children's stories

Sherlock Holmes talk

Christmas films showing

Christmas Wreath making

Food trucks gathering

Full information available from 1st October

www.hifriends.org.uk

The Big Rec Survey

At the beginning of the Summer, the Parish Council embarked on a program of work to develop a comprehensive view of recreation needs of the community so that it might determine how to respond to such needs. This work included a survey conducted on the Council's behalf by Cambridge Market Research (CMR).

The Council is now engaged in the process of understanding 'what it all means' and expects to be able to share its conclusions with the community over the coming weeks.

The survey itself provides useful qualitative and quantitative information, confirming much of what we already 'know'. Its advantage, of course, is that it gives us the data to underpin that knowledge. The 'key take outs' in CMR's opinion are:

- satisfaction with the facilities is largely positive;
- there is a strong desire for greater provision for teenagers;
- (there is) a need for more family focussed activities, especially at the Recreation Ground;
- further communication (is needed) to increase awareness of facilities; and
- (there are some) notable areas acting as key frustrations/pain points.

466 people completed the survey which CMR advise is a higher rate than would normally be expected. 80% of the respondents were long term residents and, perhaps strangely, female respondents outnumbered male ones by roughly two to one. The Recreation Committee which sponsored the work will be meeting to consider next steps later this month.

David Jenkins



TENTH ANNIVERSARY
BONFIRE BURN 10K RUN
SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER
 Starts at 10 am
 Histon & Impington Recreation Ground
 For age 13 upwards
 Entry fees adult £16
 Under 18 £8
 Register from 1st of August at
www.bonfireburn10k.co.uk
 Multi-terrain course, chip timing & event medal provided

An event organised by Friends of Histon & Impington Community



Histon Cricket's best season EVER!

After a full league programme throughout the summer, the first four teams in the top division in the County compete for a Cup and being nominated "Champions". Histon Cricket's 1st team won the semi-final by 10 wickets, then in a closer final game at their home ground they beat, with an effort from all the team, Eaton Socon by four wickets to win the title.



Wishing to remain a "village" team, Histon Cricket have eschewed the opportunity provided by their win to try to join the East Anglian Premier League: a league where the majority of players are semi professional from around the world and country.

Notable performances throughout the season were posted by two 15 year olds, and this bodes well for the future.

The 2nd XI topped their league and won promotion. They also won the T20 Walker cup. The 3rd XI, a development side of experienced players and those progressing from Colts cricket, have also won promotion. It is thought that having all teams be so successful is a first for the Club.

2021 was the first year that Histon cricket entered the National Village Cricket Competition (after an increase in the size limit of a village in the regulations), and to celebrate our inclusion we fielded a team of 1st, 2nd and 3rd team members in the regional final (which we lost to a full strength Foxton).

It has been a good season for the colts and the younger units, both 4 to 6 year olds in All Stars and slighter older aspiring cricketers in the Dynamos having progressed well. Notable this season has been both the formation of an Under 9 team and a separate girls' cricket section.

Bring on the 2022 season!

Brian Ing



If you have any events you need to promote in our quarterly newsletter let the editors know by 22 November

Email:

hi-news.editor@hisimp.net



Histon Hornets

Histon & Impington Parish Council are pleased to be working with Histon Hornets to loan this important village group a set of full size goal posts for use at Impington Village College. These goal posts will be used to increase the number of games Histon Hornets can play each week.



This gives Hornets 12 months to apply for funding to obtain a permanent set of goal posts for the team.

Steve Carrington, Chairman of Hornets confirmed his thanks to HIPC and how pleased he was to be finding ways to partner with the Parish Council to find ways to increase the ability of our villages to meet Hornets vision to:

- provide all members of the local community with the opportunity to access quality sport provision whatever their age, gender or ethnicity.
- to be nationally recognised as a Club and Community rooted within the Local Community.

Histon and Impington Parish Council are currently working on analysing the data from their Recreation Survey and look forward to working more closely with Hornets and other groups to make Histon and Impington able to support the Recreational and wellbeing needs of our villages.

Yvonne Murray, Vice Chair, Histon & Impington Parish Council



Council & Committee Meetings

Subject to Government Guidelines and possible changes to COVID restrictions

See website for details: www.hisimp.net

Full Council - 7.30pm - Monday 18th October, 15th November 2021

Committees are meeting informally on Zoom, details are posted on the website in advance of the meeting.