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A little of what we have done during April 2026

The Alconbury Brook Flood Group

Eight Projects completed on Winwick Longbrook this year!!

Our latest..we have installed a pond at the head of Winick Longbrook which combines new freshwater habitat with a sediment trap. At the same time we have improved the old Brickpit Pond by enlarging it and ensuring it is fully waterproof. The photo on the left shows two widened stretches of the Longbrook which carries a lot of sediment downstream to Alconbury Brook. The widened sections slow the flow to allow sediment to drop out before travelling downstream. The wide section near the trees is sufficiently deep to provide a year-round freshwater haven. The idea of watercourse widening to trap sediment has been tried for a number of years by farmers and the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. One of their projects is shown in the photo insert. Many thanks to Russ for letting us widen his ditch, to LWEG and Mike for ensuring we had the funding and to Silver Fern for their excellent work on site.

NEW NEWTS!

Excellent news from the pond we installed at King's Wood, Great Gidding in 2024. Owner Michael Trolove has placed 'mop heads' made from plastic strips in the pond. Newts have started to lay their eggs on the strips.

Congratulations to Andy and Spencer

Well done Andy and Spencer, Flood Group members who have completed their chain saw courses this month and passed with flying colours. Thanks to the Cambridgeshire Country Council and the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation for sponsoring their course fees.

Flood Group Community Meeting

Our annual opportunity to report to everyone who lives in the Alconbury Brook Catchment and beyond will take place on Friday May 15th at 7.p.m. at the Memorial Hall, School Lane, Alconbury. W3W ///lamp.purple.downcast. ***Hope to see you there.***

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Cllr Ian Gardener

Monthly Report April 2026

Highways

I am delighted to report that the Maltings will be resurfaced, The White lining of all major junctions has been completed, the White lines down the middle of Mill Road, Rust's Lane and Great North Road are to be refreshed. Our LHO will investigate refreshing the white triangles on the speed humps on Gt North Road

The depression in the centre of the Great North Road is to be filled.

The vegetation obscuring the sign on Great North Road is to be cut back and around the lamppost adjacent to the viaduct on High Street. Meeting with officer on Thursday.

The 3 outlets from High Street under the viaduct and adjacent to are to be rodded

All the potholes on Rusts Lane from the viaduct to the A1307 are down for repair. The white lines at the Roundabout adjacent to the viaduct are to be refreshed.

All Highways defects should be reported on the County Councils Highways Report It tool so that all faults are logged and processed according to severity.

Highways defects include potholes, blocked gullies, flooding, trees, overgrown hedges, obscured signs etc.

I make no apologies this month I have prioritised the repair of potholes across my County Division as that is the number one issue. As a result, I am visiting all my villages in my County Division to mark-up potholes with the relevant Highways Officer so hopefully all residents will see an improvement.

Regarding this year's LHI Bid's the indicative timeline for applications is –

Complex applications

April - May Feasibility report preparation and distribution

June – July Scoring Panel sessions with applicant presentations

August – September Finalisation of prioritised funding lists

Non-Complex applications.

April – May Ongoing scoring of applications

July – August Finalisation of prioritised funding lists

Funding awards confirmed at the 6th October Highways & Transportation Committee meeting. (10.00am)

Local Government Reorganisation

The government's statutory consultation on LGR in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has now concluded.

As your Local County & District Councillor I supported Option E

As Option E will create a Unitary Huntingdonshire along with two other Unitaries as set out: -

Unitary 1 – Huntingdonshire

Unitary 2 – Peterborough City, Fenland & East Cambs

Unitary 3 - Cambridge City & South Cambs

Option E allows Huntingdonshire to forge its own future rather than becoming part of Peterborough.

Government will announce its proposal for LGR in Cambridgeshire/ Peterborough in July 2026., following the consultation. With the necessary legislation being put before Parliament to approve in Autumn 26 recess

With Elections to the new Shadow Unitary Authorities taking place in May 27. The new Unitary Authorities will take over running all services on 1 April 28.

District Council

There have been very few HDC Council meetings as we are currently in the pre-election period.

The District Council Elections take place on May 7th 2026.

The count for the District Council Elections will take place on Friday 8th May, with the new Councillors taking office from Monday 11th May

The Initial Full Council meeting of the new Council will take place Thursday 21st May

The new Weekly Food Waste Collection service commenced this week 30th March 2026. You can use bin liners in your caddies providing they are biodegradable. HDC will not be providing liners for these bins.

The Garden Waste Subscription Service is open for renewals from 01 April 26 to 31 March 27,

The cost per year is £57.50 for one green bin and £30.00 per additional bin up to three additional bins. If you subscribed by Direct Debit last year you won't need to do anything as your subscription will renew automatically. If you paid by card, you would need to renew your subscription for 26-27. If you have not subscribed to the Garden waste service before you are able to sign up for the service from 1 April 26 to 31 March 27.

The Parish Council can still request up to 10 Community Bins for local residents to deposit their garden waste, which would be collected as part of the normal route scheduling for fortnightly garden waste bin collections.

Residents can receive Subsidised Home Composters at a cost of £10 plus deliver charges. Residents can apply for a maximum of 2 Composters. If residents are interested, they should visit the GetComposting website, enter your postcode and select Blackwell 220 Litre Black Compost Converter and the discount will automatically be applied

The District Council can provide free compost to Parish Councils. HDC will arrange for a skip of compost to be delivered to a designated location within the parish, where it will be emptied. The loose compost will then be available for residents to collect in quantities they wish.

If you want this service, please email wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Finally, I would like to say that it has been a privilege to be your District Councillor since December 2019 and to congratulate your all on being returned unopposed as Parish Councillors.

Cllr Ian Gardener – CCC Alconbury & Kimbolton Division & HDC Alconbury ward including Alconbury.

Alconbury Parish Council

Prepared by: Alison Brown (Clerk & RFO) Date: 7th April 2026

Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: Cllr Tracy Gilbert (Chair) Date: 28th April 2026

Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025			76,745.24
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026			52,505.48
				129,250.72
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026			48,403.44
A	**Cash in Hand 31/03/2026** (per Cash Book)			**80,847.28**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/03/2026	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank Current T1	31/03/2026	42,836.03	
	Unity Trust Bank Instant Access	31/03/2026	38,011.25	
				80,847.28
	Less unpresented payments			
				80,847.28
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**80,847.28**
	A = B Checks out OK			

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