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The Alconbury Brook Flood Group

Some of what we have done during September 2026

Pond 28: **Refurbishment**

- A key destination for winter overland flows
- Located in Thurning
- Previously badly overshadowed and silted up
- Poor water quality, high phosphate
- Now approximately 1000m3.
- Possibility that landowner may extend further.
- Very many thanks to Mrs and Mrs Ashby and Silver Fern

Thurning reedbed scrape created

- First of 3 small reedbeds to be created this winter
- High phosphate run-off into this area
- 150m2 scrape
- Flood Group cultivating species of reeds which will help with pollution control for spring planting

Pond 29: Historic pond returns

Historic pond filled with water in 1870 (map below, pond 7) and in more recent times, but partly poached by grazing animals, now partially re-established.

Phase 1 has allowed us to check original depth of pond, further excavation here in early 2027 with reduce flows into the source of Alconbury Brook

Pond Banks flailing is earlier this year

The Interna Drainage Board (idb) has made a thorough job or flailing the banks of the brook from Alconbury Weston to well into Brooklands Farm.

Very Many thanks to volunteers who have cleared most of the places the idb could not reach. Reed cutting ad spraying work will now be done into October. If you can volunteer to help with the remaining clearance work, please contact info@alconburybrookfloodgroup.org

Farm trials

6 farms so far have offered to try microfiltration dams and 5 farms have offered to run either Phosphite or Encera trials, or both.

Large Scale Soil Microbe investigation

Our largest investigation yet, samples from 10 sites on the same farm looking at the impact on soil porosity and microbe life of organic matter levels. Altogether 60 samples, numerous measurements. Data analysis underway.

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County & District Council Report September 26

Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has announced that a review has been ordered into the plans for Local government reorganisation, following legal advice, to ensure that it is robust and aligns with the new government's priorities. As a result, reorganisation in Essex, Hampshire. Norfolk and Suffolk have also been withdrawn. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough are included in this review process.

We don't yet know how long this review will take, but there will be no Shadow Elections to Proposed New Unitary authorities in May 2027. The elections to existing authorities like Fenland, East Cambs and Peterborough will be held next year.

Bus Services – West Huntingdonshire

Following the Combined Authority's (Mayor) recent consultation on Bus Services, which proposed to cancel the 400 & 401 services. It has now been decided that there will be no changes currently to the 400 & 401 services. However further engagement will take place to provide more strategic and usable services to serve and enhance the offering for the communities to the West of Huntingdon, either side of the A14.

The proposed future change that could affect Gt Staughton / Kimbolton is the proposal to extend the existing 28 Bus service from Bedford to Kimbolton onto Huntingdon. The service would be extended from Kimbolton to Huntingdon via Stonely, Gt Staughton, Perry, Grafham, Ellington, Hinchingbrooke Hospital and the service would be a 2 hourly service.

Other potential changes is the proposal for a peak time service between Kettering and Huntingdon serving Spaldwick & Easton.

As well as an off peak shopper service currently served by the 401 route, serving Woolley, Barham,Buckworth, Alconbury Weston, Upton, Hamerton, Steeple Gidding, Little Gidding, Great Gidding, Old Weston, Leighton Bromswold, Spaldwick, Easton & Brampton

As far as I am aware there is no proposal to alter the 150 service from Tilbrook to St Neots.

Minerals & Waste Plan for Cambridgeshire

A consultation has commenced to help shape a new plan, which will guide how minerals and waste development is managed across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough up to 2044 and beyond, helping to ensure future growth is planned in a sustainable way.

The consultation is open to everyone and closes at 11.59pm on Monday 12th October 26. Full details of the consultation, supporting documents and how to respond are available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mwlp-review

Help shape the future of support for unpaid carers in Cambridgeshire

Unpaid carers across Cambridgeshire are being invited to share their experiences to help shape the future of support services in the county.

The County council is keen to hear from people who provide care for family members, friends or neighbours as well as young adult carers and others with experience of caring.

These insights will help ensure future services reflect the needs of carers and the people they support.

A series of workshops will take place between September 26 and March 27, which will give participants the opportunity to develop future service priorities and how those services are delivered.

The first workshop is on Friday 18th September 26 from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Huntingdon Library.

To register your interest and find out more contact:
Commissioning.FPTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Rights of Way Improvement Plan

The ROWIP forms part of the County's Transport strategies and outlines what the council intends to do to protect and enhance our Public Rights of Way network and countryside access over the next ten years. This includes actions for a range of issues, from how we respond to development, to how we manage our rights of way data.

The Parish Council has been sent a questionnaire which I would urge the PC to complete, so that the County Council can learn what you would like to see in the revised ROWIP.

The deadline for responses is Sunday 11th October.

Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046

On the 9 September HDC's Full Council considered and approved the proposed plan, by 25 votes to 17, Reform voted with the administration or abstained on this . This now means that the statutorily required 6 week consultation can be carried out. HDC is now launching the final opportunity for representations to be made on Huntingdonshire's Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 before the plan is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 31 December 2026.

This engagement specifically asks whether the proposed plan is legally compliant and meets the tests of "Soundness"

Comments received will be registered and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and will help inform the inspectors examination of the Local Plan

The consultation opens on 16 September and lasts until 11.59pm on Wednesday 28th October 2026.

Capital & Centric

The Lib Dem Led Administration started talking with Capital & Centric regarding the regeneration of our towns before the recent District Council Elections. Since May of this year they have been working on developing 3 car parks in Huntingdon, St Neots & St Ives.

The Car Parks are Princes Street & The Bus Station in Huntingdon, Tebbutts Road in St Neots and the Cattle Market Short Stay in St Ives.

This work was undertaken before the Parking Strategy had been published. This subsequently showed that the 3 car parks chosen were the most used in Huntingdonshire

The proposed developments were for 4/5 Storey buildings with no parking, the proposals are totally out of keeping with our market towns.

The consultation by Capital & Centric has caused a furious backlash from residents, however the Lib Dem Administration led by Cllr Sarah Conboy has not decided to cancel the schemes. Instead following the vote of No Confidence in the leader because of the parking

issue which failed due to Reform either abstaining or voting with the Administration. There will now be an investigation into how this procurement and project was managed as requested by the Conservative opposition.

To date the project has already cost in excess of 1 million pounds, in my opinion that money would have been better spent on small projects across the district that would have actually benefited residents.

Cllr Ian Gardener

CCC- Alconbury & Kimbolton Division

HDC- Alconbury Ward

Alconbury Parish Council

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

Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: Cllr Robert Johnson (Chair) Date: 29th September 2026

Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/07/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026			80,847.28
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/07/2026			26,115.61
				106,962.89
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/07/2026			22,298.69
A	**Cash in Hand 31/07/2026** (per Cash Book)			**84,664.20**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/07/2026	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank Current T1	31/07/2026	46,468.15	
	Unity Trust Bank Instant Access	31/07/2026	38,196.05	
				84,664.20
	Less unpresented payments			
				84,664.20
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**84,664.20**
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	Bank Reconciliation at 31/08/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026			80,847.28
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	Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/08/2026			27,826.60
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	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/08/2026	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank Current T1	31/08/2026	40,940.24	
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