

Wild Minds

If you're aged 12-17 and feeling stressed, anxious or down, you'll find a friendly welcome at Milton Country Park. The 8 week programmes are designed to give you an introduction to a wide variety of outdoor activities with a particular focus on nature, wellbeing, bush craft and mindfulness. From campfire cooking and survival skills to natural craft and canoeing, we want to share our passion for the outdoors and help you slow down, tune in, build confidence and discover your wild side!

- When: sessions run in eight week blocks on Sunday afternoons (times vary depending on the season)
- Led by: experienced instructors, supported by a mental health practitioner
- Where: Milton Country Park, Cambridge Road, Milton, CB24 GAZ
- Cost: FREE

Find at more at: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/health-and-wellbeing/wild-minds/>.



Vacancies

Parish Councillor

There are currently two vacancies for councillors on the Parish Council. If you want to make a real difference in your local community, please contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@haslingfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) in the first instance or simply come along to a meeting. Previous experience is not required, although you need to live or work in the village. The Parish Council meets at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of the month at the Village Hall. Applications welcome from those over 18 who have lived or worked in Haslingfield for more than 12 months (or are on the electoral roll) and are a UK or EU National.

Your Current Parish Councillors are:

Diana Offord (Chairman), Clive Blower (Vice-Chairman), Andrew Gillies, Liz Hales, Ruth Hatfield, Ben Mavely, Ann O'Brien, David Revell, James Roberts

Haslingfield Parish Council welcomes communication from all its residents.

If you have any comments/questions on this Newsletter or any other local issue, please contact Haslingfield Parish Clerk (Lise Jackson) in the first instance by emailing clerk@haslingfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or calling 01223 870269



November 2023

- Special points of interest:**
- **Skatepark Completion**
 - **Neighbourhood Plan**
 - **Repair Cafe**

- Dates of Interest:**
- **Upcoming Parish Council meetings**
– 13 November, 11 December, 15 January (please note – this will be on the 3rd Monday)
 - **Repair Café** – 18 February



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Skatepark - Completion!

Last Friday saw the end of a two year long journey for the Haslingfield Skate Park renovation, and to celebrate this momentous occasion, we held a "small" opening event, which turned out to not be so small after all. The sun shone down on nearly 100 people, from as far afield as Clacton and Stevenage! The BBC we're also there on the day to film and interview users for the website, TV and radio.



Contractors Betongpark, who co-ordinated the event, were on hand with music, running competitions with prizes, putting on displays and running small skate schools for some of the younger users to get involved. La Biga we're also on site keeping everyone fuelled with their delicious Pizzas. It was amazing to see so many people, from the Haslingfield and afar, all having so much fun in our loved village. What was once a sad, tired, and unloved space is now a hustling, vibrant, social space for users of all ages and abilities. This has been one of Haslingfield's biggest projects, and we now have another community asset that we can be proud of. It will also give the opportunity for young people to get into the sports who otherwise may not have had the chance.



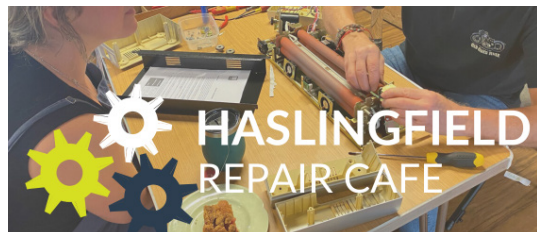
Thanks to all those that we're able to make it down on the day and especially all those that have been involved in and supported the project over the last two years. We haven't finished just yet! We're hoping to make a start on Phase Two of the project in the new year, in which we hope to resurface and renovate the basketball court as well as creating a new second entrance, seating area and even outdoor gym equipment, so watch this space!

Haslingfield's First Repair Café

Sun 18 Feb 2024, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

We're delighted that, with help from the Parish Council, Haslingfield & Harlton Eco Group will hold its first Repair Café on February 18th, in Haslingfield Village Hall. Repair Cafes are community events that match people who need stuff fixed with people who like fixing things. Local, experienced, volunteer repairers repair all sorts of household items such as kettles, toasters, lamps, laptops, clothes, toys, bikes and more. All repairs are free, although donations are welcome to cover costs and support the growing repair café network. The Cambridgeshire Repair Cafe Network is run by Cambridge Carbon Footprint, who are always keen to make new contacts, so get in touch with them via <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/repair-cafes/> if you're interested in helping people to get things fixed!

And put Sunday, Feb 18th in your diary if you want to come along for a cuppa or bring something to be repaired. For more information, to volunteer as a repairer or general help, or to inquire about the café, please contact HnHeco@gmail.com.



Neighbourhood Plan - We are on our way!

As you may be aware, a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a way for local communities to have a say in the future of the places they live and work. Neighbourhood Plans, once approved by the local authority, have to be considered by the planning authority when making planning decisions.



In June this year Haslingfield Parish Council made the decision to start work on our own Plan. Since then, we have made great strides forward. Our Plan Area of Designation has been approved! This covers the area within the Haslingfield Parish boundary and can be viewed at <https://greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/neighbourhood-planning/>

Harlton Parish were consulted as to whether they would like to come on the journey as well, but they decided that it was not something for them at this time.

On October 11th an Open Meeting was held to gather more volunteers to help take the Plan forward. We now have a steering group of four, who will be backed up by other attendees at the meeting who have offered to become part of a volunteer support team.

Now it is your chance to have your say!

The next step involves everyone in the parish. A survey form is included with this newsletter. The answers we receive from you will help make sure the NP team has everyone’s views of our village and the surrounding parish as it is at this moment in time. Any personal information you share with us will remain confidential.

- We are asking just 3 main questions:
- What do you value about Haslingfield?
 - What is not so good?
 - What would you like to see improved?

The completed forms can be dropped off at the Post Office, Village Hall, Café, and the Churches. You can pick up extra copies of the form at these locations for other members of your household. If you prefer, a digital version is available via a link on the Parish Council website or on the Parish Council Facebook page.

Please fill these in by 31st December and help us take the next step.

Meanwhile, we are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan stand which may appear at places and events around the village – do take the opportunity to come and speak with us!



Q3 What do you value about Haslingfield?
Tick where applicable

	Very important	Important	Not important	Don't know
Rural character of village				
Green spaces and access to the countryside				
Nursery, school and youth provision				
Range of community activities and facilities (recreation ground, village societies and events)				
Proximity to Cambridge (for work, shopping and culture)				

Q3a What other things do you value about Haslingfield (e.g. shops, cafe, village societies, etc)?

Q4 What is not so good about Haslingfield?
Tick where applicable

	Very important	Important	Not important	Don't know
Lack of affordable housing				
Loss of variety of housing to development (i.e. a mixture of starter, family and retirement homes)				
Inadequate public transport provision (limited bus timetables)				
Lack of local, affordable childcare facilities				
Lack of shops and other businesses				

Q4a What else do you think is not so good about Haslingfield?

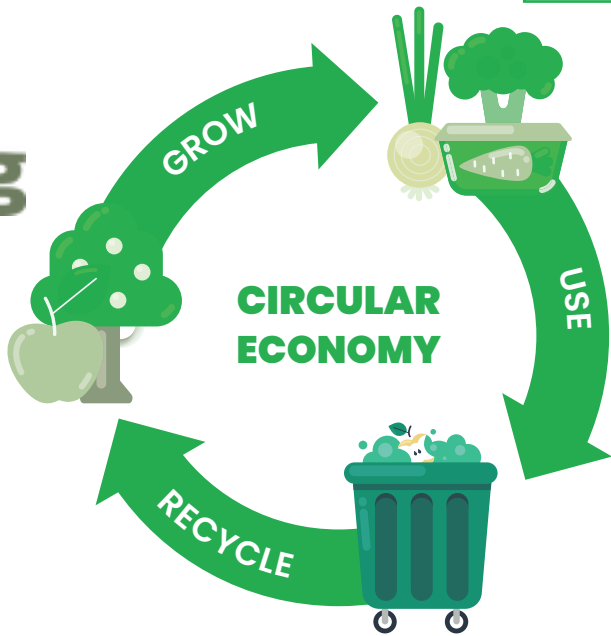
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Discounted Water butts and Compost bins

Composting kitchen and garden waste improves the quality of your soil. Cambridgeshire residents can get discounted compost bins at the Get Composting website. Water butts harvest natural rainwater to use on your garden in drier periods and are also available at a discount through Get Composting.

www.getcomposting.com



Harston Community Food Hub

No Plastic

Do you hate to see Supermarket Waste?

Then visit Harston Food Hub, where the aim is to reduce food waste and Landfill.

The fresh food larder of fruit, vegetables and bread comes from surrounding supermarkets and farms, which can no longer use for sale. The Volunteers pick these up and make them available to everyone who is keen to cut down on waste no matter where they live or their circumstances.

There is also another side to the Food hub - To support people in crisis with a bag of long life food.

These goods are donated or bought by volunteers with money kindly donated. These bags are intended to help a family or individual during a short period until their situation stabilises. This service can only support people in a small area around Harston, which includes Haslingfield.

To visit just turn up on Wednesday or Saturday 11.30 – 1pm in Harston Baptist Church, Chapel Lane CB22 7NG (a sign is out on the A10 as it goes through Harston). For more information, to volunteer or donate please contact: Tel: **07876 297001** email: harstonfoodhub@gmail.com

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