

# Huntingdonshire Online



This is your quarterly e-newsletter from Huntingdonshire District Council, keeping you up to date with what we are doing and how you can get involved.



## David, have your say in the budget consultation

We are seeking your views on how the Council spends its money, which will help us to set the budget for 2016/17. Please click on the link below to give us your opinions on eight guiding principles that we are considering adopting to help direct our spending plans.

[Have your say here](#)



"The Council is aiming to reduce reliance on central government funding in order to provide a sustainable financial platform. We've worked hard to manage our budgets but we still need to significantly reduce our costs, and we want your help. It is important to continually review the way we deliver services, and we are asking for your views on some overarching principles which will guide how the Council will set its budget for 2016/17. Please complete the budget consultation linked at the top of this newsletter to have your say."

**Councillor Jason Ablewhite,  
Executive Leader of  
Huntingdonshire District Council**



## [New HDC Website](#)

Huntingdonshire District Council is currently developing a new website. Our aim is to make our site clear, easier to use and mobile friendly. We have made the site available for you to view and test

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before it goes live mid-October. If you complete a form, please make it obvious that it is a test. We have added a 'Provide feedback' button on each page of the site so please let us know your opinions. We're still working on the site and are continually updating content based on the feedback provided.



### [Shared Service Plans Agreed](#)

Councillors at Huntingdonshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council have agreed detailed plans to share IT, Legal and Building Control services – a move that will save £1.1 million a year to protect services for residents.



### [Aladdin Pantomime](#)

The Centre Theatre Players have a fine reputation for their Pantomime production, winning the NODA award for the best Pantomime in the district six times in the last seven years. From Wednesday 13th January to Sunday 17th January 2016 they will be performing Aladdin eight times at the Burgess Hall in St Ives, with evening and matinee performances and a new Saturday morning performance added due to popular demand.



### [Chequers Court Redevelopment](#)

The next stage of the Chequers Court redevelopment in Huntingdon has now begun. A notice has been served on HDC to vacate the Trinity Place car park to enable builders to set up a site compound for the construction of new retail units.



### [Reminder Letters](#)

Reminder letters have now been sent to 28,000 homes that have yet to reply to the electoral registration forms. It is important to respond to this form, even if your details haven't changed. You can

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## Did you know?

~ 84% of people aged 16-64 are in employment in Huntingdonshire, compared to only 73% nationally.

respond by telephone, online, text or by post. Canvassers will visit the remaining properties who have still not responded in October to check their details. Don't miss out on your chance to vote!



### **Behind Enemy Lines**

This is the story of The SOE in Action in The Second World War told by historian expert, Dr Mark Baldwin. In this show at the Burgess Hall in St Ives, he highlights some striking achievements by women agents with famous names such as Odette Sansom and Violette Szabo. He also explores the origins and aims of the SOE and explains of the specialised equipment developed to assist these agents.



### **Adult Sports Courses and Free Tasters**

What are you going to try? The new Adult Sports Courses and FREE Tasters brochure has subsidised activities throughout Huntingdonshire from September 2015 to March 2016. Sports range from American Football to Ballroom Dancing and Indoor Bowls to Scuba Diving with something for everyone.



### **Cambridgeshire Energy Switch**

Registration for the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch has opened. The scheme bids for better gas and electricity prices for residents and is open to all residents, including those on either credit or pre-payment meters. The deadline to register is Monday 12 October 2015.

~ Over 3,500 children are currently on the Swim4Life swimming lesson scheme at One Leisure.

~ Plastic packaging is now collected with the rest of your recycling. This includes carrier bags, bread bags, bags from cereals, wrappers from multipacks of cans and plastic bottles, wrappers from toilet rolls/kitchen towels, wrappers from groceries, freezer bags, bubble wrap and cling film.

**Let us know what you would like to hear about through 'Huntingdonshire Online' E-mail us: [news@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:news@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)**

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