

HUNCOTE VILLAGE NEWS

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Preparing your Council's budget for 2025/26

The parish council is currently reviewing its budget requirements for 2025/26, and would like to know about any ideas you may have for future projects for the village.

Is there something that you think the village needs? e.g. play equipment, facilities, events, activities?

We will need to obtain quotes for each project, so the sooner you let us know, the more seriously we can consider it.

All suggestions must be submitted to the Clerk or a Councillor no later than the parish council meeting on Thursday 9th January 2025.



People across Leicestershire can take advantage of free bus travel this autumn, details below:

- **WHEN** – All Saturdays between 19th October and 30th November 2024 inclusive people can travel for free. You can travel from the first timetabled service of the day to the last bus.
- **WHO** – No age restrictions, if you already qualify for free travel, board the bus the usual way.
- **HOW** - To qualify for free travel, passengers on the participating routes and services will need to start or end their journey in [Leicestershire](#)
- **WHAT** - Types of journey included: single journeys (and return journeys where applicable) in Leicestershire. 'Tap on, tap off' will be excluded. Some services are excluded from this scheme, for details of these please visit <https://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/public-transport/enhanced-bus-partnerships/leicestershire-buses/schemes-and-projects/leicestershire-ticketing-schemes/free-fare-super-saturdays/>

This free fare scheme is brought to you by [Leicestershire Buses](#) and funded by the Bus Service Improvement Plan plus allocation (BSIP+).

Any enquiries about the information above please email choosehowyoumove@leics.gov.uk

Significant planning applications

Significant planning applications have recently been submitted to Blaby District Council for multiple sites in and around Huncote:

- 154 dwellings south of Ratcliffe Drive, Peers Way and Preston Way
- 191 houses and new village hall off Forest Road at Springfield Farm
- Croft Quarry extension under existing offices
- Installation of Energy Storage System on Thurlaston Lane, Huncote

You can submit comments on each application on Blaby DC's planning website.



Village comes out for D-Day 80 Beacon lighting event

In June we were delighted to be able to join in the international commemorations of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on the five beaches in Normandy, France, the largest naval, air and land operation in history.



To recognise the event, HATS joined us to put on an outside performance on the Den, with a selection of readings, songs and diary readings from those involved in the events of the day.



This was followed by the beacon lighting and a reading by Parish Councillors of the international tribute.



We would like to thank all those who came and joined us, we hope you enjoyed your fish and chips, as part of National Fish & Chip Day. We'd also like to thank The Huncote Knitters for their display on the Memorial Garden.



New X84 bus timetable in effect from 13 July

Arriva have produced a new bus timetable for the X84 bus route, which runs through Huncote, between Leicester and Rugby. The new [X84 Leicester to Rugby \(from 13 Jul 2024\)](#) timetable is available to download via the Arriva app and both the [Arriva](#) and [Parish Council](#) websites.

Pension Credit: What you need to know

[On the 21 August, the Government published information on how to claim for Pension Credit.](#) Pensioners should check if they could be eligible for Pension Credit to secure the Winter Fuel Payment, worth up to £300 per household. Pensioners need to apply for pension credits by 21 December 2024, to receive the Winter Fuel Payment.

Accessing parish council agenda and meeting papers

A QR code has been added to parish council agendas to allow people an easier way to find electronic copies of the agenda and meeting papers for each meeting. All future agendas published on the notice boards will contain a QR code for people to scan with their mobile device, which will open a link to the relevant page on the parish council website for the meeting.

Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day (Thursday 8th May 2025)

The Parish Council would like to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day next year with another Beacon lighting event on the park. We are looking for interest from local groups in participating in the event. If your local group would like to take part, please contact the Clerk to register your interest. You may wish to give a reading, perform a dance, talk about the freedoms created through the Allies victory or do something else. We would welcome as many groups taking part as possible.



Dog fouling issues

Dog fouling seems to be an ever-present issue around the parish with piles of dog faeces often not being collected by owners/dog walkers.

We would like to remind everyone that anyone responsible for walking a dog must carry dog poop bags on them at all times. Anyone found not to be carrying spare dog poop bags when out for a walk could be subject to a £1,000 fine from Blaby District Council.

While not just unpleasant to stand in, dog poop can contain bacteria and parasites that can cause illness in humans, including salmonella, E.coli, giardia, and internal parasites. These illnesses can cause symptoms like cramps, diarrhea, dehydration, and kidney issues.

Contact with dog poop can cause toxocarasis, an infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma, blindness, and seizures.



Dog poop can contain multidrug-resistant bacteria, which can contribute to the spread of resistance genes into urban areas. Dog poop also poses a risk to wildlife. Many species of local wildlife are susceptible to many of the same parasites and viruses as pet dogs and cats.

We would urge all those responsible for walking dogs to make sure you clean up after them and dispose of the bag in the nearest general waste bin or take it home with you.

Parish UK Scam Alert

We have been made aware of a scam carried out by Parish UK specifically targeting town, parish and community councils. They do this through the creation of what could be construed as official town and parish council websites, which includes information relating to the council, education, business, planning, property, heritage and farming. Spam emails are then being sent to businesses purporting to come directly from these town and parish councils enquiring about business listings alongside requests for payment. Parish UK is not affiliated with Huncote Parish Council and we would urge anyone trying to find parish information to use our website - www.huncote-pc.gov.uk.

Register for Self Assessment tax return

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is today (27 August) [reminding anyone who needs to complete a Self Assessment tax return for the first time to cover the 2023 to 2024 tax year, to tell HMRC by 5 October.](#)

[Further information can be found on GOV.UK](#) and anyone who is unsure if they need to file Self Assessment can use the [free online tool on GOV.UK to check.](#)

HMRC has a wide range of resources to help customers register for Self Assessment, including [video tutorials on YouTube](#) and [help and support on GOV.UK](#).

The deadlines for tax returns for the 2023 to 2024 tax year are 31 October for paper returns and 31 January 2025 for online returns.

How to contact your local Councillors

Should you have an issue to raise or a question about something going on in your community that you would like answers to, please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk or one of your local Councillors for help, support and advice.

Cllr ALEC KNIGHT (Chairman) - Alec.Knight@huncote-pc.gov.uk;

Cllr JILL CHEESMAN - Jill.Cheesman@huncote-pc.gov.uk;

Cllr ROY BAILEY - (0116) 286 6773 or rbailey.hpc@gmail.com;

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Cllr MARK INGHAM - Mark.Ingham@huncote-pc.gov.uk;

Cllr KEITH CLARKE - Keith.Clarke@huncote-pc.gov.uk;

Cllr JON WELLS - Jon.Wells@huncote-pc.gov.uk;

Cllr SUE DICKETTS - Sue.Dicketts@huncote-pc.gov.uk.

Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (County Councillor) - 07815 450 031 or maggie.wright@leics.gov.uk;

Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (District Councillor) - (01455) 888 306 or cldr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk;

Contact the PARISH CLERK (STUART BACON) on (01455) 844 539, 07875 291 366 or clerk@huncote-pc.gov.uk. Find us on the web at www.huncote-pc.gov.uk.

Would you like to know more about what is happening locally? Have you been keeping up to date with the Parish Council and what's happening in the village on social media? Why not look us up and 'Like' / 'Follow' us to be kept up to date with the latest news and info from the Parish Council and links to other helpful, informative and important news from our partners.

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