



Herts County Council Local Transport Plan
HCC is preparing its local Transport Plan 3 (LTP) in response to Government Policies. A draft is due out in the autumn to be completed by April 2011. Countywide consultations are taking place now.

It is expected to cover different forms of transport with associated infrastructure & its impact on environment & quality of life. It has to address supporting economic growth, reduce carbon emissions, promote equality & access, contribute to safety & security & improve quality of life. In the process it must reflect the East of England Development Plan.

Consultations have included a workshop for the Parish councils which Cllr Beryl Little attended for B & C PC. This included transport impact, including local agriculture & wildlife, noise, economy & general quality of life.

There is still time for individuals & organisations to comment.

INTERESTED?

Then contact the HCC Transport Policy Team at County Hall on 01992 588704, or contact Beryl on phone number below or email

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Beryl Little

Buntingford Community Voice

A meeting was held in January at the Manor House in Buntingford, between representatives of H.C.C. Highways Dept, Mrs Jane Pitman our H.C.C. Councillor, and representatives from Buntingford Town Council and the surrounding Parish Councils. The Highways officials explained that an additional £6 million had been allocated to deal with the effects of the adverse weather on the County's roads, especially where water had entered small defects in the road surface and then frozen and expanded to create potholes and then super potholes in the roadway. Where such deterioration had been reported by residents or identified by staff, Highways had initiated temporary repairs to fill the the holes with the intent of returning within 3 months to make more substantial permanent repairs. It was noted that such temporary repairs might lead to a re-opening of the pothole if the bad weather continued, but there was also a need to temporarily repair as many as possible as quickly as possible, to avoid danger for all road users. There was discussion as to solutions to the problems of access to Westmill from the A.10, the problem appearing to be a question of cost versus the accident quotas at the junctions, and general road safety matters such as footpaths between villages. I raised the question of repairs to our villages' damaged roadsigns and the need to better identify the 40 MPH Speed limit on the A.10 between Buckland & Chipping. It was agreed that there would be individual Parish/Highways meetings and a repeat meeting of all representatives later in the year.

Jeff Kenyon

Footpath Volunteers

The Parish Council is looking for Footpath Volunteers. There is a Footpath Organisation, part of E.H.D.C. which has responsibility for maintaining footpaths in the District. If you regularly walk the footpaths in our Parish and would be interested in assisting in helping to keep our footpaths in a good and usable state, please contact the Parish Clerk, David Smith, for more details.

Jeff Kenyon



East Herts Eco FilmFest, Saturday 24th April, 2010 at Castle Hall, The Wash, Hertford, SG14 1PS. 1.30pm to 9.30pm. FREE Entry. A family programme of entertaining, provocative and inspiring environmental films and children's creative workshops. Presented by East Herts Council and East Herts Eco Groups. Refreshments. See www.transitionhertford.ning.com for further details or email transitionhertford@googlemail.com

Village Summer Event

The feedback from our Summer Concert last year was so positive that the organisers are looking to promote a similar event in 2010. Initial thoughts are to again hold it at St Andrew's, around mid-Summer, and to once more invite local musicians, etc, to perform for the residents and their friends. It is intended to have a book stall and a plant stall, proceeds from which can go to a local charity, perhaps a cake stall...local bakers required, a BBQ and games for children. If you would like to perform or help in any capacity, please contact Jeff Kenyon, details below.



It was suggested we tried a Midsommer Murder event, but thought the local Constabulary might not have the manpower!

New Residents

Most of the Chipping Hall Barns are now inhabited and we welcome the new residents there and any other newcomers to Buckland & Chipping. We hope you enjoy living here and look forward to seeing you at Council meetings and Village events. Ed

Police non-emergency number

Can I remind readers of the non-emergency number which needs to be used when anything suspicious is seen or heard in the Community. Ringing **0845 33 00 222** will get you through to Hertfordshire Constabulary Control Room who will take details and assign a unit if it is needed. If you ring Buntingford Police Station, you are not always guaranteed a response. But dial 999 for emergencies, including hare coursers.(Ed)

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 2nd March 2010 at 8pm

'The Crown' Buntingford (back room)

(This venue is for winter months only)

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Please contact a councillor if you would like a lift to any council meetings.

The agendas for the meetings are on both village notice boards.

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