

Report – July 2026

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2. **NATURE RECOVERY – FROM THE GROUND UP** (Free events)
3. **NEW VETERANS' HUB** at Huntingdon Neuropathy Centre
4. **HELPING COMMUNITIES CONNECT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**
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 - a. CPCA'S BUS NETWORK REVIEW – CD 28 July 2026
 - b. HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL – CD 16 August 2026

1. Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme

Eligibility criteria

- Families receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM)
- Families where FSM eligible and non-eligible children live in the same household
- Siblings of eligible FSM children, who are aged 4 and starting school in Sept 2026
- Families just managing financially (referral from a professional required)
- Recently arrived refugee families

Email the Cambridgeshire HAF team HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

[HAF Provider Directory](#) | [Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

FOOD BANKS summer holiday clubs include a lunch. The below links take you to where the foodbanks/community fridges are. To access emergency food parcels, you typically require a referral voucher from a local agency. You can obtain one by:

- Calling **Citizens Advice Rural Cambs** on **0808 278 7807**.
- Checking the [Huntingdonshire District Council](#) or [Cambridgeshire County Council](#)
- [How Are You Hunts? | Food Aid](#)
- [Emergency food pages](#).
- Contacting local agencies - health visitor, social services, or a housing support officer.

Food Apps: Too Good to Go. Olio

2. Nature Recovery – From the Ground Up

FREE EVENTS: Nature Recovery: From the Ground Up – CCC

Parish Online: Drop-in trouble-shooting session – Friday 10 Jul, 1pm

Site visit: Abbey Fields, Community Land Purchase – Friday 10 Jul, 1pm

Challenges and opportunities for nature project volunteering – Thursday 16 Jul, 7pm

3. HUNTINGDON'S VETERANS CLUB

New Veterans Hub launches in Huntingdon with the support from the Armed Forces Covenant Community Grant

Based at the Huntingdon Neurotherapy Centre, aims to improve wellbeing among the veteran community while also raising the profile of veterans across Huntingdonshire. The hub also provides affordable hot meals, networking opportunities, and a central point of contact for advice and support. Funding from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Community Grant supported the project to launch.

4. HELPING COMMUNITIES CONNECT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The Communities Service at County works closely with partners through district-based youth forums to bring together organisations that provide activities, education, funding and local facilities for young people in our communities. The forums help to share ideas, build partnerships and turn plans into action.

If you want to help your community improve connections with young people, support for your parish is available through the district youth forums – for more information, please contact communities@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

5. HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK – works update:

Car Park estimated to reopen on Friday 3rd July – subject to works being completed.



Café reopens on Monday 6th July.

Play area (*see photo below*)
closed from 1st June

Temporary toilets are available

Investment at Hinchingsbrooke
Country Park –
Huntingdonshire.gov.uk

[Hinchingsbrooke Country Park
Stakeholder Newsletter Issue 1](#)

6. FRIENDS OF THE EARTH have created a free environmental report on every Ward in England. [FoE Report](#)

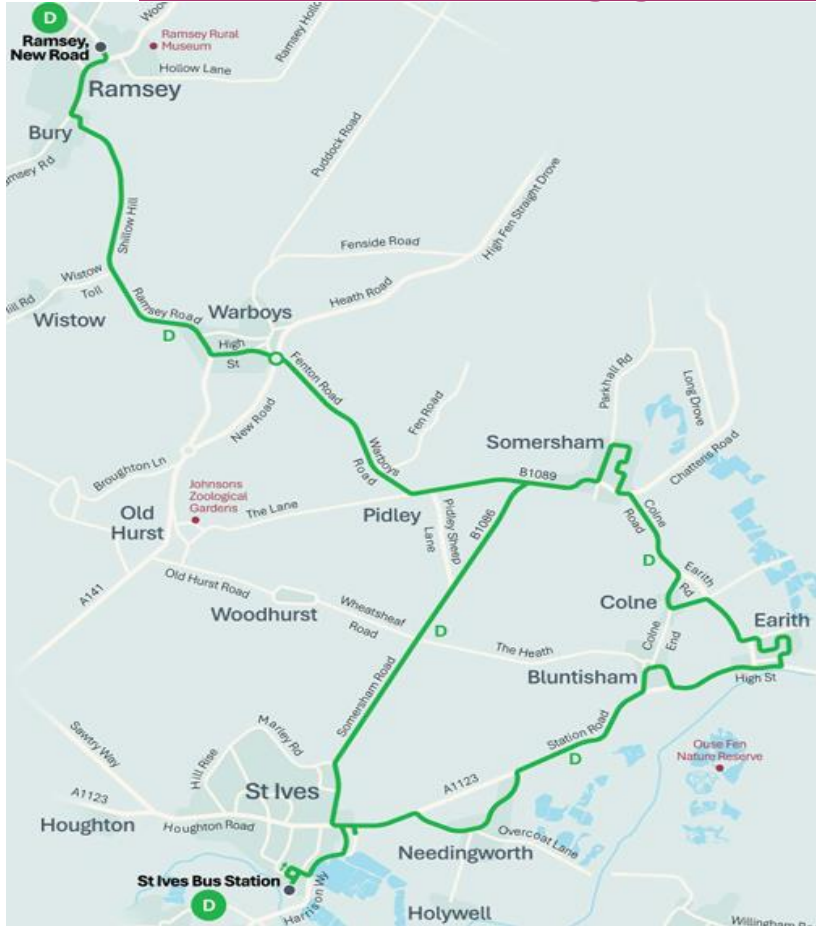
7. ACTIVE TRAVEL – FREE CYCLE TRAINING

You don't even need to have your own bike, as one can be provided for you.

The sessions available at various locations found here [Categories](#) and there are four categories: For All. Family. Women-only. Young people only.

8. CONSULTATIONS

a. Bus Network Review Engagement - CPCA



Have your say on the future of local bus service. *(Photo: New proposed route)*

T12 Service from **Earith** is being withdrawn meaning direct links to Longstanton P&R will cease; connections can be made at St Ives Bus Station for Longstanton P&R

Woodhurst: Will no longer be served, Tiger on Demand to provide replacement.

Enhanced frequency between St Ives, Needingworth, Bluntisham, Earith, Colne & Somersham to hourly

School journeys will be protected: All existing school transport links currently provided by the routes will continue.

b. Hinchingbrooke Hospital – NW Anglia NHS Trust

The redevelopment, part of the national New Hospital Programme, will replace the existing hospital with a modern facility on the current site. Feedback is being sought on access, accessibility, patient experience, technology and hospital design.

- **Arriving and finding your way** — how it feels to get here and move around
- **The future hospital experience** — what a modern, welcoming hospital should be like
- **Our community** — how the hospital connects with and serves the area

Consultation closes on 16 August 2026 - [Fill in the survey here](#)

[Why the consultation is happening](#)