

Councils, Councillors, and Community - building a safer Hunts together

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Your Huntingdon East District Councillors



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**1) Who can help make
our area safer?**

In short -
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Who can help make our area safer?

- **In short - all of us!**
- **Public safety role straddles police and councils**
- **Working together, across the police, councils, community representatives, and residents is vital**
- **Agencies can't be everywhere at once - so feedback and reports from residents and Neighbourhood Watches is vital**

Who can help make our area safer?

Police



Community



District Council



County Council

Police and Crime Commissioner

Sets the Police and Crime plan*

**2) What is HDC doing
to make our area safer?**

District Councils can play a key role in public safety

District Councils (including HDC) have power over:

- **Licensing**
- **Environmental Health**
- **Planning**
- **Parking Enforcement (as of 2025 in Hunts)**

So what has HDC done?

Lots of exciting work has gone on at HDC since our terms started in 2022:

- Licensing rules set to be updated to tackle safety in the evening economy and women's safety
- Improvements in Environmental Health
- Closer work with partners
- Consulted on requiring CCTV in Taxis
- Measures to encourage empty homes into use and recruited an empty homes officer

Huntingdonshire District Council commit to Ask for Angela

18TH AUGUST HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAMBRIDGESHIRE



Huntingdonshire District Council will reaffirm its commitment to protecting women and girls. (Image: Matthew Power)

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- **Community safety team helped to resolve issues in Huntingdon Town Centre**
- **Overview and Scrutiny panel (chaired by Cllr Hunt) set to look at depth into Community Safety Partnerships**
- **Secured Civil Parking Enforcement powers for HDC - freeing up police resource, and allowing HDC to enforce parking restrictions (similar to the vast majority of the country)**

Huntingdonshire to get parking wardens as order signed

3RD JULY | PARKING | TRAFFIC | CAMBRIDGESHIRE



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Campaigner welcomes council's new parking powers

**3) What have we done as
the Huntingdon East
team?**

Working inside and outside the council chamber

As a duo we've helped make Huntingdon East (and Hunts as a whole) safer by:

- Secured the Ask for Angela additions to HDC licensing policy - proposed and seconded the motion that committed the council to it
- Directly supported victims of crime in our ward
- Acted as a point of contact for community concerns
- Escalated community concerns directly to senior officers
- Helped secure road safety improvements from the County Council
- and more!

Rule of thumb - if you don't know where to go, **start with your Councillors!**



Safer venues for Hunts as Council backs Ask for Angela motion

Venues in Huntingdonshire are set to be safer following HDC's support for a motion from Lib Dem Councillor Nathan Hunt.

18 Jul 2025



4) What's next?

What's in the pipeline?

- **HDC set to adopt new, stronger Licensing Policy in December**
- **Continue to reach out to your Councillors wherever you are in Huntingdonshire!**
- **New batch of District/Parish Councillors following May's elections - whoever they are, reach out and build relationships early (and give them some slack while they're new!)**
- **In the coming years, HDC and CCC will be abolished and replaced with one new council - bringing District and County powers together, but will take time to bring separate areas/policies/processes/ambitions together**

**5) How can you help us
help you?**

How can you help us help you?

- **Be the eyes and ears of the community - let us know the issues you're seeing**
- **When you see something - keep a record of it. And if it's persistent, keep records of each instance**
- **Rule of thumb - if it's in writing, and the more evidence we have from residents, the easier it is to get action!**
- **Help build relationships in the community, especially with new Councillors after May (whoever they are!)**

And get in touch!

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or visit our Councillor surgery, last Saturday of each month (except December), Market Square, 11:30-12:30 (*for Huntingdon East*)

Contact details for all Councillors across Hunts available on huntingdonshire.gov.uk