

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25th – 18:00 – 19:00

Time: 18:00 – 19:00

Location: Pathfinder House, Huntingdon

Attendees

Name	Title/Role	Organisation
Heidi	Waste Minimisation Officer	Huntingdonshire District Council
Auriane	Waste Minimisation Project Officer	HDC
Oana	Operations Technical Administrator	HDC
Harriet	Climate Co-ordinator	HDC
Chris	Huntington resident	
Richard	Huntingdon resident	
Liz		Wyton
Alan		Southoe
Eugene		Parish Council
Julie		St Ives Town Council
Marcus		
Karen		Bury PC
John		Bury PC
Nicola		St Neots
Jean	Clerk	Little Paxten PC
Michael Gleadow		
Harry		Godmanchester
Claire		Houghton

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Simone	Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC)
Vic	
Nic	St Ives
Sharon	St Ives Resident

Jeff	St Ives Resident
Alex	Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC)
Kathy	Little Paxton Parish Council
Debbie	Godmanchester Town Council
Alan	Brampton Parish Council
Dominic	Bury Parish Council
Irene	Somersham Parish Council
Susie	Brampton Parish Council
Janice	Hemingford Grey Parish Council
Melina	
Sharan	Spaldwick Parish Council
Sarah	Fenstanton Parish Council
Marcus	Hemingford Abbots Parish Council
Michael	Broughton Parish Council
Nathan	Huntingdonshire District Council
Mary	St Ives

Agenda & Discussion Summary

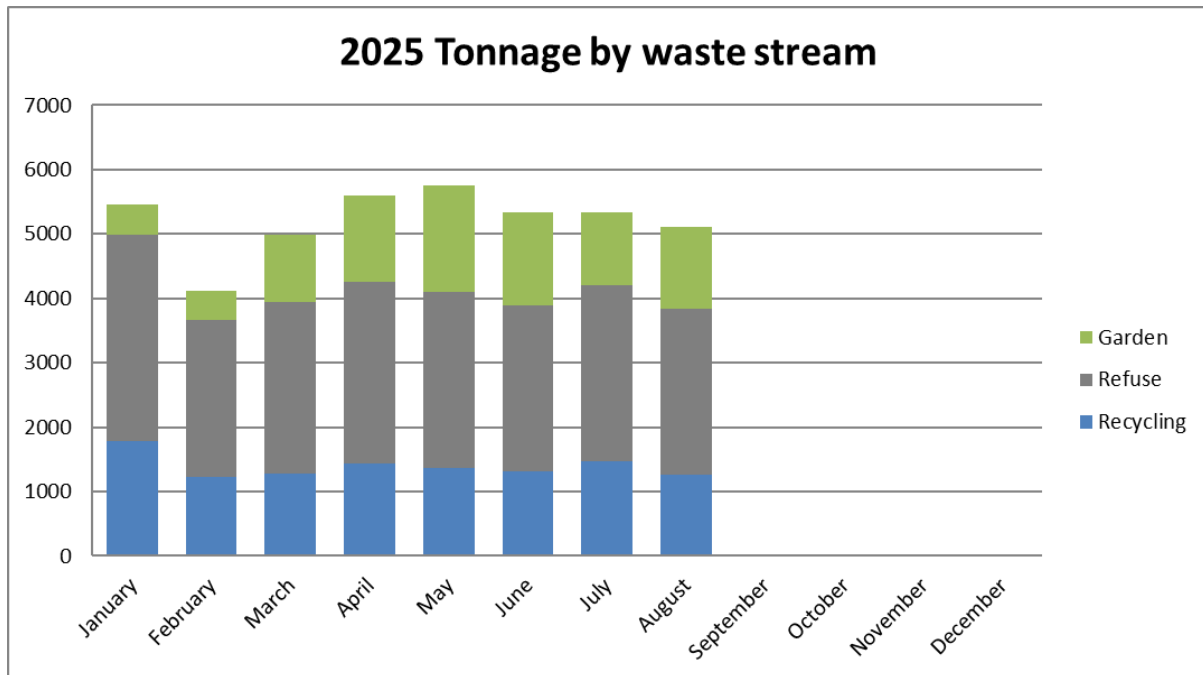
18:00 – Welcome

- The meeting opened with a welcome and introductions.
- Overview of the agenda and objectives shared.

Current Trends

- **Recycling & Composting:** 50% of material collected year-to-date has been successfully recycled or composted.
- **WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment):** 20 tonnes collected in under a year.
- **Textile Collections:** On the rise, with 5 tonnes collected in August — an increase from 4 tonnes in April and 3.5 tonnes in May.

- **Community Engagement:** Growth in public participation and awareness around waste minimisation initiatives.



Current Activities

- **Behavioural Change Campaigns:** Focus on food waste minimisation.
- **Charitable Partnerships:** Cartridge recycling in collaboration with local charities.
- **Grant Application:** Submitted for a *Library of Things* – results expected next week. [Update: unfortunately, we were unsuccessful, but CCF and RECAP are in talks]
- **Waste Analysis:** Ongoing analysis (OAC) to target communications more effectively.
- **School Talks:** Continuing programme to educate students on reducing food waste.
- **Climate Event:** Preparations ongoing for HDC's Annual Climate Conference 2025.
- **Daily Communications:** Regular engagement with communal properties.
- **Service Review:** We explored feasibility of a dedicated nappy collection service.

HDC Services highlighted:

Reusable nappy discount

Discounted compost bins (£10 instead of £30+)

Bulky waste collection

WEEE drop-off service

Litter volunteer opportunities

Skip hire services

Food Waste Collections

- **Caddies Distribution:** Scheduled for delivery to households from **February 2026** (7L & 23L sizes).
- **Collections Start:** Week commencing **30th March 2026**.
- **Frequency:** Weekly, on the same day as refuse and recycling bins.
- **Liners:** Optional – both compostable and non-compostable liners acceptable. (HDC will **not** supply liners.)
- **Processing:** Waste to be treated via **anaerobic digestion**.
 - **Energy Recovery:** Produces biogas for renewable electricity, heat, or green gas.
 - **By-product:** Nutrient-rich fertiliser to be used on farmland.

Q&A and Open Discussion

General discussion around improving recycling participation and community awareness, particularly blister packs.

Zero-Waste / Refill Shops in Huntingdonshire

Residents were reminded of local refill and zero-waste options:

- **Alpino Garden Farm**
- **Clare's Refill Station**
- **The Little Fenland Eco Shop**
- **The Refill Shop**
- **The Refill Shop of Ikigai**

Upcoming Events

Repair Cafés:

- Sat **4 Oct 2025**, 1:00 – 4:00 pm – *St Ives Cambs Repair Café*
- Sat **25 Oct 2025**, 1:30 – 4:00 pm – *Ramsey Repair Café*

- Sat **8 Nov 2025**, 1:30 – 4:30 pm – *Buckden PC Repair Café*
- Fri **14 Nov 2025**, 1:00 – 4:00 pm – *Coneygear Repair Café*
- Sat–Sun **15–16 Nov 2025**, 1:00 – 4:00 pm – *The Elf Repair Café*, Grand Arcade

Climate Conference 2025:

- **5 November 2025** – Huntingdonshire District Council’s Annual Climate Conference.