



Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to our Winter edition of the village newsletter in which you will find articles on the Buckinghamshire Draft Local Plan and the delayed closure of RAF Halton. These are challenging times for the village so there is a plea from the Parish Council for more parishioners to contribute their ideas, skills and enthusiasm by becoming a Parish Councillor.

Our outdoor cinema event was a great success (see report). Other events in the near future include a Music in Quiet Places concert and a Quiz Night.

We are now entering the season of firework displays and, as usual, everyone needs to be responsible around them and to make sure pets are kept indoors.

The winter may bring snow and ice so please take care walking and driving through the village and check on any neighbours living alone who may need your help.

Finally, as this issue covers the festive season, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Annual Carol Service

This year's service of nine lessons and carols will take place at St. Michael and All Angels on 21st December at 6pm. All are welcome.

Buckinghamshire Draft Local Plan — Consultation

Buckinghamshire Council launched its consultation as part of the preparation for the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan 2025-2045. This important stage seeks suggestions for land that could be developed for housing, employment or other uses in the future over the next 20 years - including right here in Halton Parish and surrounding villages.

Halton Parish Council has carefully reviewed the consultation materials and has sent a consolidated response on behalf of the Parish. The response can be viewed on our website under Planning (www.halton-pc.gov.uk).

In addition, Halton Parish Council is working closely with Wendover and Weston Turville Parish Councils as part of a wider strategic review. Together, we aim to provide a coordinated response to the proposed sites identified within and around our parishes, ensuring that local concerns and priorities are represented effectively.

Remembrance Day Service

There will be a Remembrance Day service at St Michael & All Angels, Halton on Sunday, 9th November. The service will start at 10.45 am and should last about 30 minutes. Weather permitting it will be held outside in front of the Cross of Sacrifice in the churchyard. If there is heavy rain, then the service will be held in the church with the wreaths laid at the end of the service.

Afterwards, Margaret Mathews' family will continue their tradition of providing refreshments at the Village Hall - everyone welcome. The service will be supported by RAF Halton recruits and the RAF band. Please join us. We Will Remember Them.

Delay to the Closure of RAF Halton

The Ministry of Defence has announced that the closure of RAF Halton will now be delayed until 2030. However, the Ministry remains committed to a phased closure of RAF Halton as a whole, with a final vacation date of no earlier than 2030.

The Parish Council has written formally to our ward Councillors Peter Strachan and Dean Field to ensure the validity of the Strategic Planning Document (SPD) for the Halton Site. The SPD was created and endorsed in full consultation with the local community, and it is important that it is retained within the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan. The SPD covers the 'built' area of RAF Halton, however, the MOD has put forward the entire site for house building in Buckinghamshire Council's new local plan, which can be viewed at this web address:

<https://bucks council.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=fe3ac9d12538443db3a8ffaf16a4c7b5>

The Parish Council will be meeting with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation during November. We will keep you informed of developments.

We are a small team of five councillors, and we currently have four vacancies. If you would like to get involved to help us in this important work of shaping the future of our parish, please get in touch. Details are in our advert at page 10. We need You!

Invitation to Join Halton Traffic Working Group

Help Shape the Future of Our Community's Roads! We are delighted to invite you to participate in our Local Traffic Working Group. This is an excellent opportunity for you to share your insights, voice concerns and collaborate with fellow community members to address traffic-related issues in our area.

Why take part?

- Discuss common traffic concerns affecting our neighbourhood
- Contribute ideas to improve safety and accessibility for all road users
- Help identify solutions for congestion, parking, cycling and pedestrian issues
- Work together to make our roads safer and more efficient

If you are interested in attending, kindly email clerk@halton-pc.gov.uk or phone 01296 626073. Everyone's input is valuable, and we encourage participation from all residents and stakeholders.

We look forward to working together for a better community. Dates and times of meetings will be decided to suit all Working Group members.

Halton Socials Village Christmas Quiz Night and Supper

Brains in gear everyone for a fun quiz night at the Village Hall. There will be food, there will be prizes and of course there will be an entertaining Quiz Master or two.

Save the date: 13th December

More details nearer the time on the Halton Village Hub Facebook Page, or email haltonsocials@gmail.com to express interest.

Outdoor Cinema Report

We are delighted to share that our free outdoor cinema event showing Top Gun: Maverick was a great success. Our community spirit really took off !

A huge thank you to everyone in our local community who came along and made it such a special evening. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the film together and helping to keep the area tidy afterwards — the clear-up was excellent.

We would also like to thank the East Bucks Community Board, the Station Commander RAF Halton, our dedicated Councillors and Parish Volunteers, St John Ambulance and the Community Safety Team from Thames Valley Police for their invaluable contributions and support. Thank you also to Jays Ices for the treats and to our outdoor cinema screen providers for working to create such a memorable experience.



**East Bucks
Community Board**

Thank you to the East Bucks Community Board for their generous support of our outdoor cinema event.

Village Verges

Halton Parish Council is now taking direct responsibility for looking after our local verges and a designated footpath, with the exception of RAF maintained Verges.

Since September, we have been working with Amersham Town Council's experienced team as our contractors. Their first jobs have included verge cutting and weed management, with further improvements planned over the coming months.

Our aim is to keep the village looking cared for, safe and welcoming, while making the most of our £2k annual budget which is set and paid for by Buckinghamshire Council.

We will keep you updated as the work progresses and we would love to hear your ideas for future improvements. Please contact clerk@halton-pc.gov.uk or call 01296 626073 to leave comments.



Thank you to the Community Speedwatch Team for making the village a safer place to live.

Community Speedwatch

We know that some of the roads around Halton are used by people that drive at excessive speeds, especially early morning and evening times when commuting. Collisions and other incidents are thankfully very rare in the village but there are probably many 'near misses' that go unreported.

Halton Parish Council set up Community Speedwatch (CSW) as part of the UK-wide initiative where local volunteers, trained and supported by local police, monitor vehicle speeds in their neighbourhoods using approved devices. They record the registration numbers of vehicles exceeding a threshold and pass the details to the police for further action (typically letters to vehicle keepers). The aim is not automatic enforcement, but rather awareness-raising and behaviour change.

Key elements

Volunteers identify sites of concern (30 mph or 40 mph limits) and undertake approved sessions. Details of offending vehicles (registration, make, colour, speed, time) are passed to Thames Valley Police. Registered keepers may receive a letter. If repeat offenders are identified, police enforcement may follow.

The wider goals include reducing speeding, improving local quality of life and preventing collisions.

Over 90% of drivers that receive a first letter do not go on to receive a second one. This suggests that the vast majority of identified drivers did not become repeat offenders or, at least, did not trigger a second letter.

Why it matters - Community benefits

Road safety: Speed is a key factor in many collisions. Reducing speed reduces both frequency and severity of crashes. This ties into wider national goals for reducing the numbers of people killed and seriously injured on our roads.

Quality of life: Lower speeds improve local neighbourhoods; safer for children, pedestrians, cyclists, reduce noise and intimidation from fast traffic.

Community empowerment: CSW gives residents a way to take constructive action rather than simply complaining. It fosters partnership between community and police.

How can you help?

Volunteer for CSW. Can you give just one hour per month to help the team's visibility? It would be great to have more local support. If you are not able to stand, could you assist with admin?

Locations

Help the Community Speedwatch team to identify key locations. There are several locations around Halton and the team varies its schedule to 'target' most dangerous times and locations, such as past the primary school at drop off times.

You can find out more and register online
<https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/>



Music in Quiet Places

There will be a classical concert in St Michael's church on the 6th December by the Music in Quiet Places group under the direction of Robert Secret. Please join us at the church at 7.00pm to socialise and have a drink from the donation bar (please bring cash). The formal concert will start at 7.30pm and there will be a midway interval to stretch our legs.

Money raised from the concert will help fund the church. Please join us and have a good time.

Tickets will cost £15 and will be available from mid November from either the Just shop in Wendover or Brian Thompson at Ivy Cottage, Halton Village. Tickets will be available at the door - cash only.

Parish Office

Our Parish Clerk works part-time. If you would like to meet the clerk at the Parish Office, Halton Village Hall, on any matter, please make an appointment on 01296 626073 or email clerk@halton-pc.org.uk

The Parish Council website can be accessed at www.halton-pc.gov.uk

**Would you like to
make a difference in
Halton?**



**Could you be our next
parish councillor?**

Halton Parish Council is a proactive and friendly team of councillors who care about our community. We work together to improve local services, protect green spaces, and support projects that matter to residents. Our councillors come from a variety of ages and backgrounds, bringing different experiences and perspectives.

If you'd like to contribute your ideas, skills, and enthusiasm to a supportive council that's making a real difference in Halton, we'd love to hear from you.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Aged 18 or over
- Living or working in Halton Parish
- No previous experience is needed
- Training and support will be provided.



FIND OUT MORE

Find out more about what a councillor does:
<https://halton-pc.gov.uk/councillors>
Scan the QR code to go straight there

Please contact our Parish Clerk: clerk@halton-pc.gov.uk
or our Chair Cllr J MacKinnon,
Jane.MacKinnon@halton-pc.gov.uk
for an informal chat



Recycling Dates

Green Waste Bin	Blue Recycling Bin	Food Waste Bin
	Wednesday 5 November	Wednesday 5 November
Wednesday 12 November		Wednesday 12 November
	Wednesday 19 November	Wednesday 19 November
Wednesday 26 November		Wednesday 26 November
	Wednesday 3 December	Wednesday 3 December
Wednesday 10 December		Wednesday 10 December
	Wednesday 17 December	Wednesday 17 December
Wednesday 24 December		Wednesday 24 December
	Friday 2 January	Friday 2 January
Thursday 8 January		Thursday 8 January
	Wednesday 14 January	Wednesday 14 January
Wednesday 21 January		Wednesday 21 January
	Wednesday 28 January	Wednesday 28 January

Residents on the Wendover side of Perch Bridge have different collection days. Schedule for garden waste currently being revised by Buckinghamshire Council.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Clerk to the Parish Council	01296 626073
Village Hall Booking Clerk	01296 626073
Guard Room – Main Point	01296 656211/656503
Wendover Police Office (Wendover Library) - Tues & Fri 10am-12pm	01296 621916
Police Non-Emergency Number	101
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Electricity Emergency	0800 316 3105
Fly Tipping Hotline	0845 330 1856
Potholes notification	08452 380882
Wendover Health Centre	01296 320384
WHC Friends Desk	01296 622565
Halton Community Combined School- Halton	01296 622264
John Hampden Infant School-Wendover	01296 622629
Wendover CE Junior School	01296 669822
John Colet Secondary School	01296 623348
Church Warden-Linda Kynaston	01296 431009

Next Issue

If you have anything for inclusion in the next Halton Village Newsletter please email it to carolinewaddams@hotmail.co.uk or ring 01296 624458 before 18 January 2026. The views expressed by contributors are their own and not necessarily the views of The Halton Village Newsletter.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th November, at 7pm in the Village Hall.