



Dear Councillors and Residents,

**REPORT TO CHELVESTON-CUM-CALDECOTT PARISH COUNCIL:**

Since our last report to the Parish Council, we have continued to meet regularly to discuss and look for resolutions to matters brought to our attention.

More residents with off-gas heating systems across North Northamptonshire are being urged to apply for a grant aimed at providing energy-saving upgrades to their homes.

Earlier this year North Northamptonshire Council announced the availability of the Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2), a scheme aimed at providing energy-saving upgrades to residents with off-gas heating systems.

The household income threshold has now increased to £36,000, up from £31,000, to ensure that more families can benefit from this initiative.

The HUG2 program offers free-of-charge energy-saving improvements that will not only keep homes warm but may also help residents manage their heating bills efficiently. Whether you own your home, privately rent, or are a private landlord with tenants, you may qualify to apply.

The grant is available to households meeting specific criteria, including not being heated by mains gas, having a combined annual income of less than £31,000 (this will increase to £36,000 after 2 April 2024), and having a home that an Energy Performance Certificate declares as 'hard to heat.'

Landlords are also encouraged to apply, under conditions detailed further below.

The scheme aims to phase out the use of fossil fuel heating, supporting the UK's 2050 Net Zero commitment and promoting household health and well-being through the reduction of cold homes.

There have also been, alongside corresponding with residents and other organisations, a number of committee meetings which will be highlighted in our individual reports below:

**Councillor Bone:**

I was recently elected as Vice-Chair of the Council, which is a role I look forward to supporting the Chair of the Council through, in addition to my work as a ward councillor.

**Councillor Jackson:**

I have continued to attend a number of council meetings, such as planning. I have been corresponding with officers on issues brought to my attention as well. Over recent weeks, I have continued regular walkabouts throughout the ward and have reported any concerns.

**Councillor Pentland:**

Over the past month, I have continued to attend meetings, such as Executive Committee meetings and liaising with local residents. I have chaired the Sustainable Communities EAP and have met with local organisations leading the way on sustainability. As ever, I have been keeping in touch with local residents via email and other means of communication.

**Looking to other news from NNC:**

- HSF extension to provide cost of living support for residents:  
<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/hsf-extension-provide-cost-living-support-residents>
- North Northamptonshire highways programme to repair winter damage:  
<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/north-northamptonshire-highwaysprogrammerepairwinter-damage>

A lot of work has been going on and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Harriet, Jennie and Bert

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