

Welcome to the
COMMUNITY FORUM

15th January 2026

CHANGE IS IN *OUR POWER*



Agenda – Community Forum – Thursday 15th January 2026

1. Welcome and introductions - *(Chair)*
2. Meeting note / matters arising from last Forum held on: 18th September 2025 - *(Chair)*
3. Project Progress Update - *(Andrew Cockcroft, Nick Stone, Richard Clews, EDF)*
4. Planning Update – *(Richard Clews, EDF)*
5. Update: Office of Nuclear Regulation - *(Alun Griffiths, ONR)*
6. Update: Environment Agency – *(Jon Ayers, EA)*
7. Update: Community Fund - *(Amelia Thompson, Somerset Community Foundation)*
8. Main Site Forum Update - *(Chair)*
9. Transport Forum Update - *(Chair)*
10. Any other business - *(Chair)*
11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th May 2026 – *(Chair)*

Item 2: Matters Arising / Draft Meeting Note

From the last Community Forum on 18th September 2025

AFTERNOTE 9.6 – a link to the community bus timetable has been provided in the draft meeting note.

AFTERNOTE 9.7 – In response to Peter Payne’s question about how much of the workforce uplift would be housed to the west of Williton:

HPC’s latest data showed that of the non-home-based workforce (i.e. those not already living in the area who work at HPC) 909 people are living in the former district area of West Somerset. This represents broadly, 12% of the non-home-based workforce.

AC said that these people are highly likely to be permanent, locally based people.

Item 3: Project Progress Update

Andrew Cockcroft

Head of Stakeholder Relations and Social Impact



Progress in 2025.... From the Small



- The first high voltage tests on permanent electrical equipment which will connect HPC to the UK's electricity network were completed.
- The works included testing some of the systems in Unit 1's Electrical Building, which will eventually take electricity generated in the Turbine Hall through to the National Grid.
- Works have been progressing ahead of the Auxiliary Transformer commissioning activity planned for 2026.

Progress in 2025...To the relatively small



The 22-metre high MSRs were manoeuvred into place using the turbine hall's 300-tonne gantry crane.



- Two Moisture Separator Reheaters (MSRs) were brought into the Turbine Hall and the casing for the high and intermediate pressure turbine was installed.
- The MSRs remove moisture that could otherwise damage the turbine blades with the casings ready to house the turbines themselves.

Progress in 2025...To the relatively small



- The 14.8-metre-high Pressuriser was successfully installed into the Unit 1 Reactor Building.
- This component is the final large piece of the primary circuit to be installed, following the completion of the four Steam Generators last month.
- The Pressuriser will play a crucial part in the Reactor Coolant System by maintaining 155 bar of pressure within the primary circuit.

Progress in 2025....and the really large



- The Triple Point Connection formwork was installed into the bottom of the Outfall Tunnel Shaft - some 45 metres below ground level. The 245-tonne structure has now been covered in concrete and seamlessly forms part of the outfall tunnel structure system.

Progress in 2025...and the really large



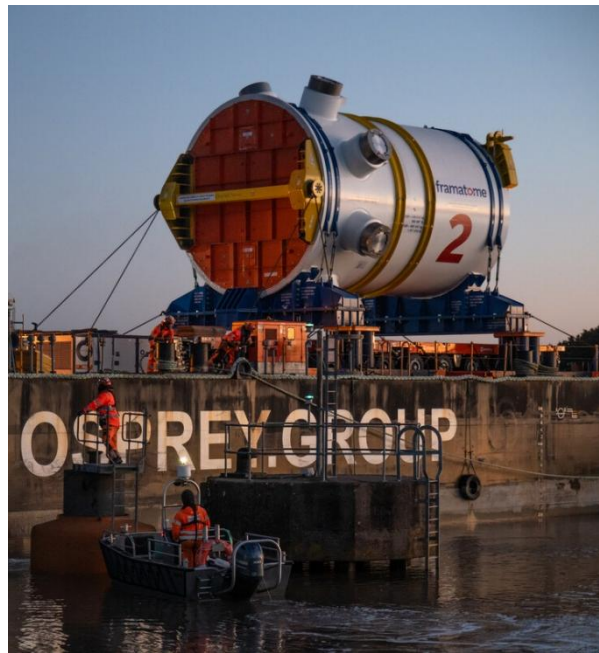
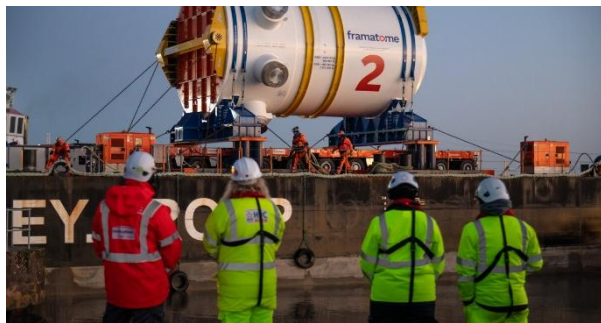
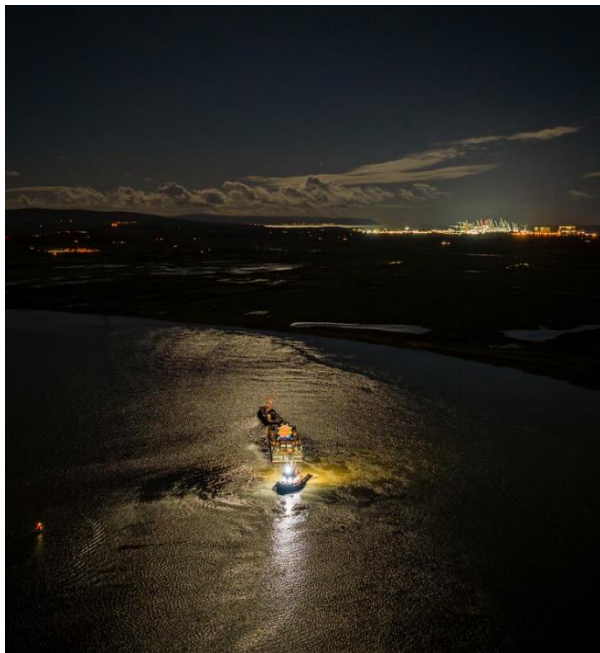
- We ended 2025 with 95% of Civil engineering work complete.
- 16 Buildings were completed and their roof's installed.
- Following the installation of the Unit 2 dome, we completed the concrete work across Unit 1's domed roof.

— 2026 —

- Install Reactor Pressure Vessel into Unit 2.
- Begin installing feedwater and pipe connections to Unit 1's first Safeguard Building.
- Complete installation of de-mineralised water system in readiness for commissioning.

- Complete pre-stressing on Unit 1.
- Install first fuel handling crane into Unit 1.
- Energise Unit 1's Auxiliary transformer.
- Complete cooling water system and fish return system tunnels.
- Install heat exchangers and additional systems into Unit 1 safeguard building
- Install low pressure casing into Unit 1 turbine hall.





Reactor Pressure Vessel Arrival

11th January 2026

Small Fire Extinguished in Canteen



- A small fire within a canteen air conditioning unit was dealt with on Friday 2nd December.
- It was rapidly extinguished by HPCs own fire team.
- Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service also attended site in line with agreed procedures.

2026

Areas Completed

- Spatial Distribution Note
- Topic papers
 - Accommodation
 - Workforce
 - Development
 - Community Safety
 - Environment
 - Health
 - Tourism

*Transport paper being finalised
- Engagement with community organisations and LCNs.

January

- All topic papers finalised and submitted to Somerset Council following feedback.
- Associated strategies for topic areas amended.

February

March

- Draft legal agreement via new Section 106 agreement.
- Approach to delivering uplifted mitigation measures and funding agreed at Strategic Planning Committee.
- Further updates to forums and LCNs

Pre-submitted question

- There is no mention of how HPC progress in 2025 stands against EdeF (Paris) expectations, nor whether it will make up for any of the delay in construction. How much later is the HPC completion date following 2025 'progress'?
 - submitted by Roy Pumfrey, *Stop Hinkley*

Health, Safety and Environment

Nick Stone

- **HPC Health and Safety Performance 2025**
- **Tower Crane Improvement Notice and Management of Construction Assets**
- **Lifting Events – Quarter 4 2025**
 - **Events**
 - **Immediate Actions**
 - **Restart of Lifting Activity and Controls**
 - **Oversight and Regulation**

Acoustic Fish Deterrent System

Andrew Cockcroft

Testing of acoustic fish deterrent

- **Hinkley Point C will have more fish protection measures in place than any other power station in the world** - with three separate systems required. These will include an Acoustic Fish Deterrent, Low Velocity Side Entry water intake heads and a Fish Recovery and Return System.
- **Testing of the technology was carried out over the summer in partnership with Swansea University.** The results are being analysed but there is high confidence the system is proving effective.
- **Initial results from the analysis of fish tagging research also show that one of the protected species, salmon, is not even present** in the area around the power station's water intakes in any significant number. Only three salmon have been detected in the vicinity in the last two years.
- The new system will be consented through either a discharge of the original DCO or **through the material change application we plan to submit this summer.**





Light shows
point at
which sound
is activated

Pre-submitted question

1. How does EdeF justify its claim that fish protection measures for HPC cost £700million, or is this simply a big number plucked from the air to add fuel to the anti-regulation fire?
2. Is it true that the only way you can detect and record fish presence in the area of the cooling water intakes (e.g. Salmon) is if the fish have already been caught and labelled with a tag? How many fish in the river Severn are not tagged already? This must be a small number of total fish in the area giving a false sense of numbers.

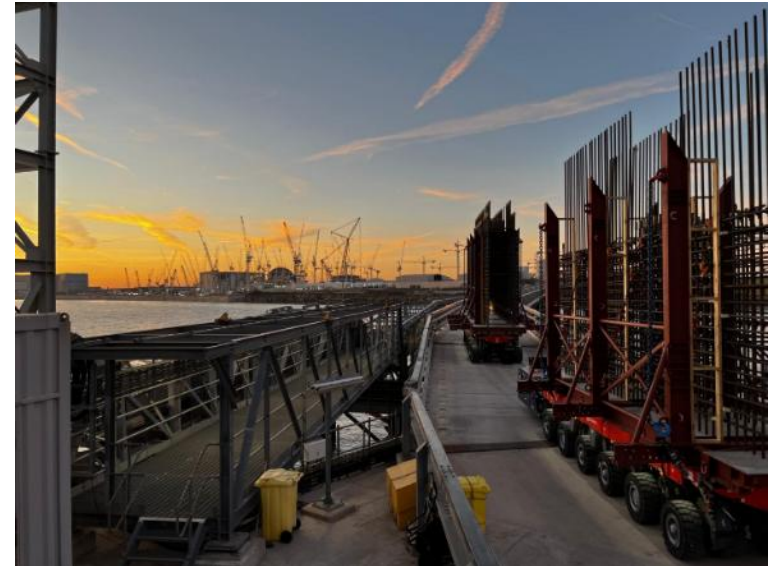
- Submitted by Allan Jeffery, Green Party.

Item 4: Planning Update - Applications

Richard Clews

Temporary Jetty Time Extension

- On 3rd December permission was given by the Secretary of State to extend the use of the Temporary Jetty to 27 March 2028.
- The jetty is used to deliver aggregate to the site, reducing HGV movements for materials that may otherwise need to be delivered by road.
- Delivery of rebar cages to the site, which are constructed at Avonmouth, significantly improving the time taken to construct the concrete reinforcement.
- Projections are for around 138,000m³ of aggregate to be brought in via the jetty between 2026 –2028.
- Formally updates Article 82 of the DCO.



Pixies Field – Emergency Bus Parking Extended

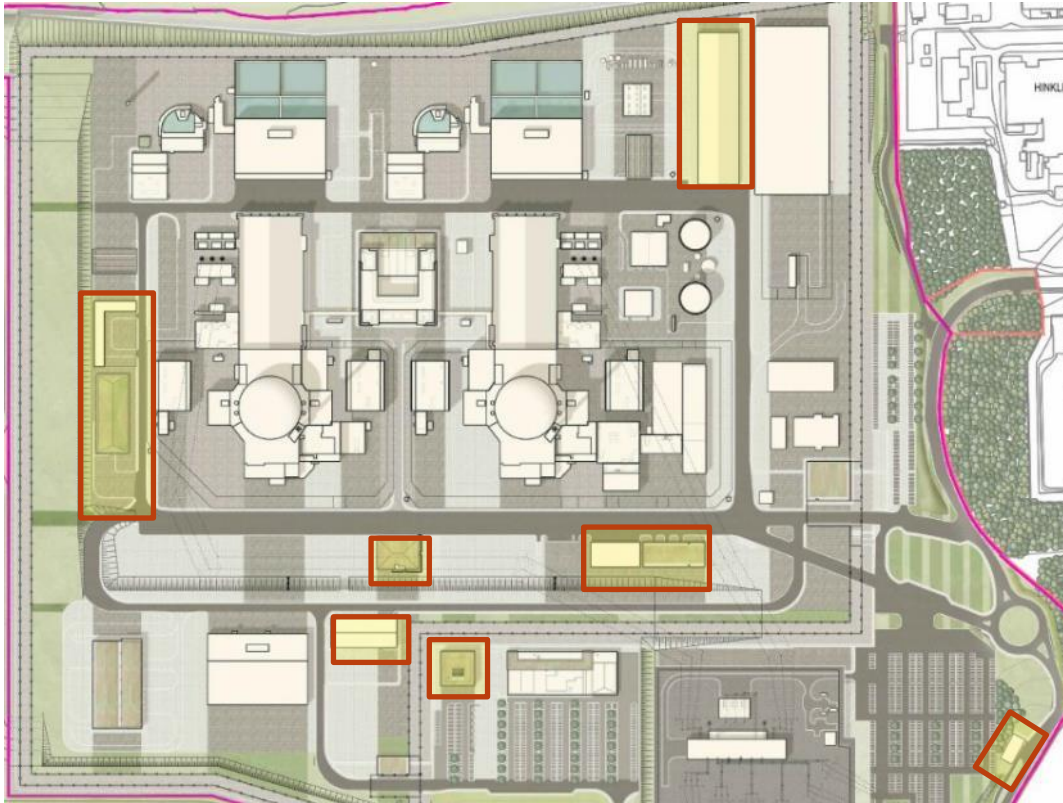
- Part of HPB site. Modest area of existing hard standing adjacent to Pixies Mound, an ancient monument.
- Permission granted in 2014 and 2017 for parking 225 vehicles for HPB outages. In 2022 it was permitted to be used for emergency bus parking, which was to expire December 2025.
- Permission has been granted to extend the use for five years following assessments on the HRA, ecology, lighting and transportation.
- Allows the project to have flexibility to stack buses safely if there are incidents on the local network.
- Land will be restored following expiry of consent.



DCO Requirements (examples)

C19	Comwich Operational Noise Monitoring Updated and approved.
PW20	Material Management Plan and Remediation Strategy updated and approved, in consultation with EA to allow blending of stockpile material for backfill.
P18; P19	Main Site Ecology Plan and Habitat Plan updated and pending decision
BRIA2; CB2; CB3; CB6; CP1; C1; J23-2	Updated Ecological Management Plan
BRIA5; CP6; C8; J23-5; J24-4; WP4	Updated Habitat Management Plan

Pending DCO Applications



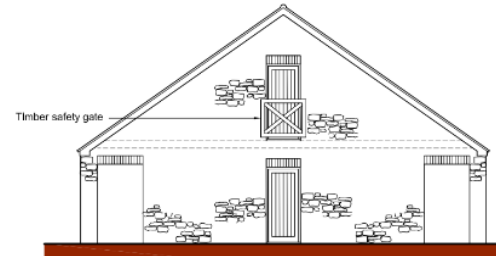
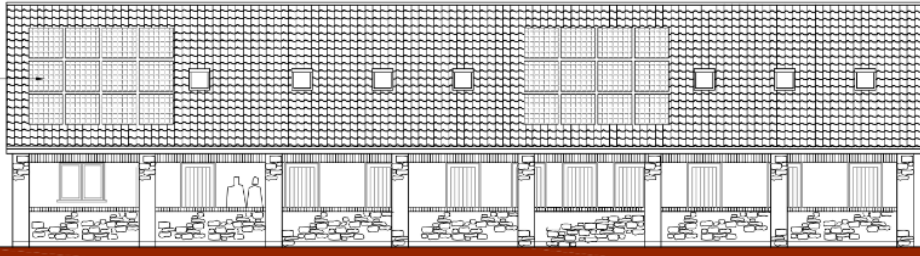
- MS8 – Permanent Fence
- MS28 – Landscape Restoration
- MS32 – Permanent Signage
- MS39 – Operational Travel Plan

Details for:

- HHI – Interim Fuel Store
- HXE – Sewage Treatment Plant
- HZG – Oil and Grease Storage Building
- HZC – Chemical Products Store
- HUT – Delivery Checkpoint
- HUB – Outage Access Building
- HKH/HK – Fuel Buildings

Mill Farm Expansion

- Planning application for up to 100 additional touring pitches for HPC workers and welfare building.
- Assessed for ecology, habitat, arboriculture, transport, flood risk, drainage and landscape impact.
- Seeking pre-application advice from Somerset Council
- Will be presented to Fiddington Parish Council prior to submission
- Aim for submission February / March 2026



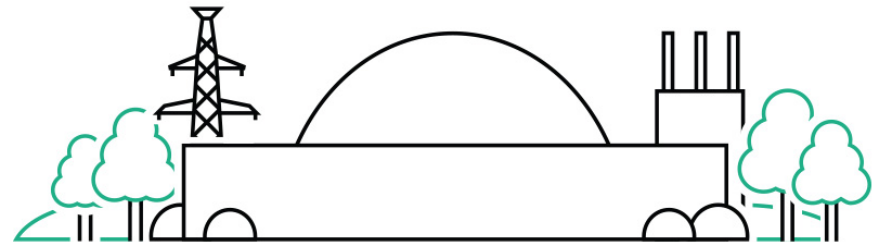
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Item 5: Update – Office for Nuclear Regulation



ONR Community Forum Report Highlights

Alun Griffiths
January 2026 Update



ONR Report Q3 2025

In this period, routine inspections of the Hinkley Point C site covered the following:

- plant construction and/or commissioning;
- examination, maintenance, inspection and testing;
- quality assurance and records;
- radiography; and
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety, including life fire safety and emergency arrangements.
- Unannounced inspection focused on control over lifting activities on the site.

ONR Report Q3 2025

ONR continues its engagement with the project via regular site inspections, visits and meetings at NNB GenCo (HPC) Ltd's offices and supplier locations across the following themes:

- construction and commissioning
- design and safety case;
- organisational capability (including supply chain and quality);
- pre-operations;
- conventional health and safety and fire safety; and
- security.

These inspections, along with routine contact with other international regulatory bodies provide ONR with valuable intelligence on the progress NNB GenCo (HPC) Ltd is making developing its competence and capability to manage the design, procurement, and construction of HPC and will inform future permissioning decisions.

ONR Report Q3 2025 - Permissioning

- In advance of major permissioning points ONR will continue to apply flexible permissioning to allow the start of a number of other activities.
 - We released the flexible permissioning Hold Point that allowed introduction of the first emergency diesel generator (EDG) into a Unit 1 generator building.

ONR Report Q3 2025 – Nuclear Task Force Review

- We have worked closely with the Taskforce to help shape the future of UK nuclear regulation, recognising the expansion, growth and technological advancements happening across the sector.
- We are ready to implement recommendations that remove any unnecessary burden from the regulatory framework, while maintaining rigorous safety standards.
- We will continue to work closely with government, industry and other regulators on the implementation of the Taskforce recommendations, following the publication of the government's more detailed response, expected in due course

ONR Report Q3 2025 - Non-routine matters

- The investigations into the tragic fatality that occurred on site in November 2022 and the separate event at site that resulted in a worker sustaining injuries as a result of a rebar mesh wall falling resulted in decisions to prosecute as previously reported.
- These matters were subject to preliminary hearings at Bristol Magistrates Court on 15 December 2025. Not guilty pleas were entered in relation to all charges.
- Matters will now progress to trial and the cases were adjourned until 30 January, 2026, at Bristol Crown Court for pre-trial review hearings.
- No further comment can be made at this time due to the live legal proceedings.

ONR Report Q3 2025 - Non-routine matters

- Fire enforcement notices were served on Bylor JV after identifying significant fire safety shortfalls. Following a focused fire safety intervention, ONR inspectors identified that Bylor had failed to implement appropriate arrangements for the effective planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of preventive and protective measures. Improvements must be completed by 30 June 2026. In the meantime, Bylor JV is expected to manage the risk profile accordingly.

Pre-submitted question

- Are the fire enforcement notices served by ONR as a result of the air-con unit fire in December 2025 or do they relate to other fire safety issues at HPC?

- submitted by Roy Pumfrey, *Stop Hinkley*

Thank You

Item 6: Update – Environment Agency

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Environment Agency update

Jon Ayers –Senior Environment Officer

Hinkley Point C – Non-Nuclear Updates

Overall Compliance Remains Good

AFD- We continue to engage with the company on proposed AFD technologies and will be a statutory consultee in the planning process.

Construction Sewage Treatment Plant -
Recent sample taken from construction Sewage Plant within permit limits.

Waste Audit & Mobile Plant Inspection -
No non-compliances Identified.

EA 'Meet the Regulator' - 25 November



Hinkley Point C – Nuclear Updates

No compliance issues

Permitting: No changes

Inspections: Environmental protection function, Commissioning effluent treatment, Solid waste treatment system.

Reviews: In-process monitoring (IC19), Operational specifications

Regulator meetings: RSR compliance, Site overview, Radwaste and decommissioning, Chemistry, Pre-Ops, Commissioning



Policy and publications

Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce – we support the work of the taskforce and welcome the publication of its final report. We will work closely with government as it prepares a full response. We are committed to enabling the UK to become a clean energy superpower and enabling a safe, secure, and sustainable nuclear sector that acts in the best interests of society and the environment.

Atlantic Partnership for Advanced Nuclear Energy – [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between UK and US governments.

Reactor assessment process (GDA) – optimising a 2 year process, and developing Early Engagement process to provide advice to developing operators.

Great British Energy - Nuclear (GBE-N) – selected small modular reactor (SMR) technology partner – Rolls Royce's SMR, will now take forward this design for construction at Wylfa. Investigation works continue at the Oldbury site.

New Nuclear National Policy Statement (EN7) – planning policy for new nuclear power stations [now published](#). We responded to the consultation.

Thank You

Item 7: Update – Community Fund

Amelia Thompson – Somerset Community Foundation

HINKLEY POINT C COMMUNITY FUND

January 2026

Amelia Thompson

Somerset 
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Directing Funds
Driving Change



**HPC
Community
Fund**

GRANTS AWARDED

Programme	£ Awarded	No. of grants
Strategic grants	1,542,823	11
Small grants	1,210,385	253
Otterhampton	368,180	17
Open Grants	8,831,113	102
Community Development	10,000	2
	11,962,500	385

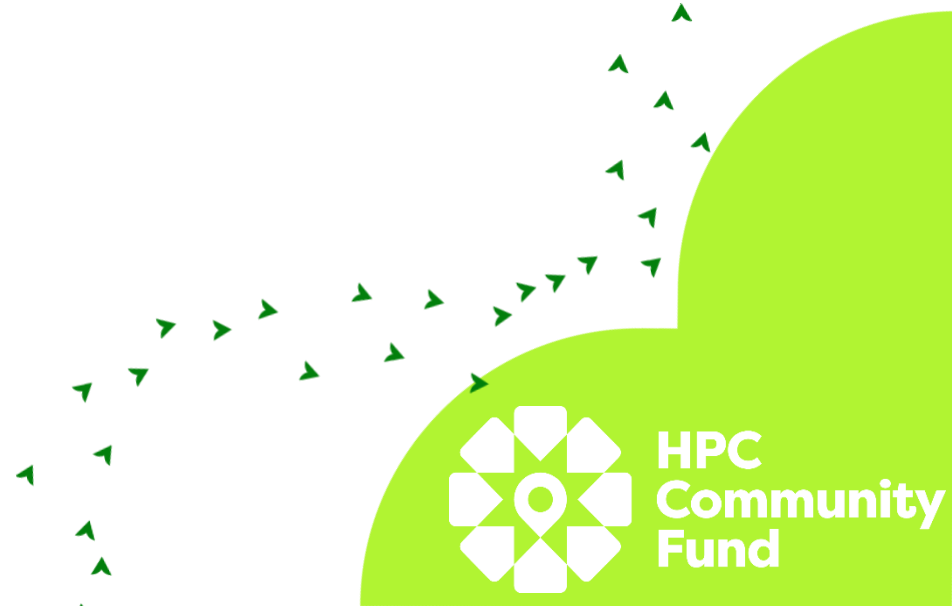


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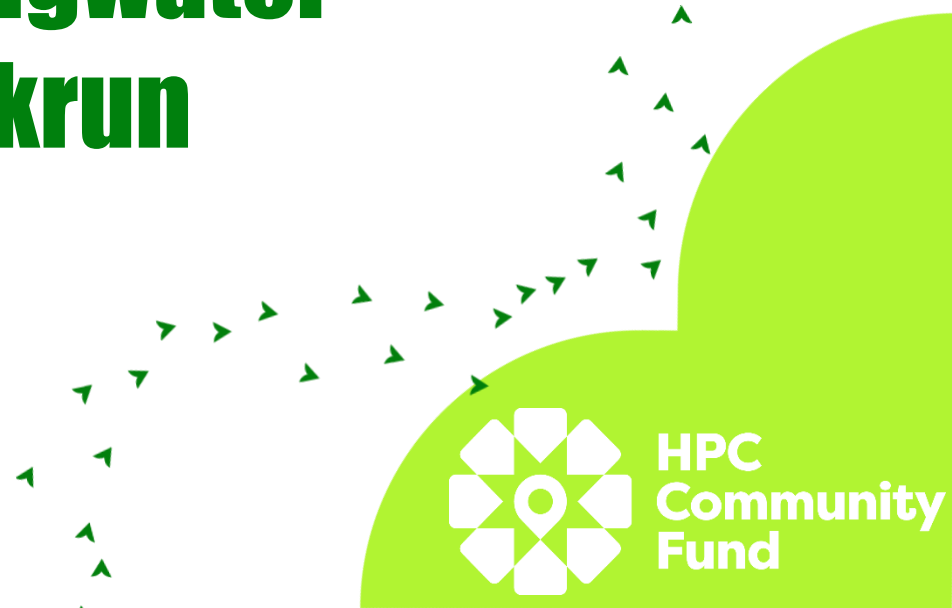
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RECENT EXAMPLES





Bridgwater Parkrun





Stogursey Arts Festival Trust



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Book a time to talk [here](#)

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Item 8: Main Site Forum update

Item 9: Transport Forum update

Item 10: Any other business

Item 11: Date of next meeting

Community Forum: Thursday 14th May 2026 at 6pm

Next dates for the Community, Main Site and Transport Forums in 2026

All 6pm start and on Thursdays

Community Forum	15th January / 14th May / 17th September
Main Site Forum	12 th February / 4 th June / 15 th October
Transport Forum	12 th March / 25 th June / 12 th November

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Thank You