

# Hucclecote Surgery Newsletter

## November – December – January 2025/26

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 Website: [www.hucclecotesurgery.co.uk](http://www.hucclecotesurgery.co.uk)

### Surgery Update

#### New Surgery Plans

The planning decision for our new surgery building has been deferred by Gloucester City Council until early December 2025. We'll keep you updated as soon as we know more.

#### Staff News

We're delighted to welcome Dr Emma Etherington to our team. Dr Etherington replaces Dr Sarah Casey, who has now moved on. We wish Dr Casey all the best for the future!

### Prescriptions

Please note – we cannot take prescription requests by telephone.

The easiest way to request a repeat prescription is via:

- The NHS App ([nhs.uk/nhs-app](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app))
- SystmOne Online (ask Reception for details)

Please order at least 2 weeks before running out, as prescriptions can take up to 3 working days to process.


### Surgery Information


Changes to GP Appointments (from 1 October 2025)


New national changes are designed to make it easier to access GP services.

#### Non-Urgent Appointments

You can now request routine GP appointments Monday–Friday, 8 am–6.30 pm:

 By phone: 01452 617295

 Online: [www.hucclecotesurgery.co.uk](http://www.hucclecotesurgery.co.uk)


 In person: at reception

- Appointments are available up to 2 weeks in advance.
- If no appointments are available, you'll be placed on our Routine GP Waiting List.
- Our Reception Team reviews this list daily and will contact you when a slot becomes free.
- If the time offered doesn't work, you'll keep your place in the queue until a suitable appointment is available.

#### Urgent Appointments

Urgent cases are managed as usual.

For issues that cannot wait for a routine appointment, please contact us between 8 am – 11 am:

 01452 617295 or visit us in person.

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### Surgery Closures

#### Bank Holidays

The surgery will be closed on:

-  25 & 26 December
-  1 January

#### Staff Training Afternoons

We close every 3rd Wednesday afternoon each month for essential staff training:

- 19 November
- 17 December
- 21 January


### Autumn 2025 Flu & COVID Vaccines


Invitations have been sent to all eligible patients.

To check eligibility:

Flu: [National Flu Immunisation Programme 2025–26 \(GOV.UK\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/campaigns/national-flu-immunisation-programme-2025-26)

COVID-19: [Who's Eligible for the 2025 COVID-19 Autumn Booster \(UKHSA\)](https://www.ukhsa.gov.uk/covid-19/who-is-eligible-for-the-2025-covid-19-autumn-booster)


 We still have appointments available on Wednesday 19 November 2025 (afternoon) — please contact Reception to book


 01452 617295 or visit us in person.

### Sing 2 Remember

A community singing group for people living with dementia, loneliness, or isolation.


Enjoy uplifting sessions filled with music, memories, and friendship — supported by Dementia Community Links.


 Location: Hucclecote Methodist Church, GL3 3QP

 Time: 10:30 am

 Days: 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month


 Leader: Rebekah Gueye


 [rebekah.gueye@mindsong.org.uk](mailto:rebekah.gueye@mindsong.org.uk) |


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### Carer Café

Held at Hucclecote Methodist Church, this friendly café is a welcoming space for carers to connect, share experiences, and access support.

 Location: Hucclecote Methodist Church, GL3 3QP

 Time: 10:30 am

 Days: 3rd Monday each month

[www.gloucestershirecarershub.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershirecarershub.co.uk)

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**Social Prescribing Service**

### What is it?

Our Social Prescribing Link Workers (SPLWs) are here to connect you to the right support services in your local community, to improve your health & wellbeing.

### What support is available?

- Signposting to housing and benefits support.
- Employment, training & volunteering.
- Social isolation & loneliness.
- Accessing specialist services & support.
- Getting involved in local community activities.
- Emotional and physical health & wellbeing.
- Access to support for life changing events.

### What happens next?

The Link Worker will spend time with you exploring 'what matters to me' and what services or local support could improve your health & wellbeing.



### How do I access the service?

You can talk to any member of staff at your GP surgery to be referred to the Link Worker. They will contact you to arrange an appointment.

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### Hucclecote Surgery 'Walk & Talk'


Looking to get some fresh air, gentle exercise, and friendly conversation? Come along to our Hucclecote Surgery 'Walk & Talk' sessions — everyone is welcome!

#### ***Barnwood Park & Arboretum***

All welcome to join in a gentle stroll through the arboretum and park, then stop afterwards at the church coffee shop.


 1st & 3rd Wednesday


 9:45 am


 St Lawrence Church, 32 Church Lane, Barnwood, GL4 3JB

#### ***Coopers Edge***

All welcome to join in a gentle stroll through the Coopers Edge area, then afterwards back at the Pineholt Village Hall for a cuppa.

 1st & 3rd Friday

 11:00 am

 Pineholt Village Hall, Bird Rd, Hucclecote, GL3 3SN

### Social Prescribing

If you'd like to find out more about **local community groups, exercise classes, or support services** this winter, please ask any member of staff to be referred to our **Social Prescribing Link Worker, Emma**.

[SPLW leaflet Hucclecote Surgery](#)

### Social Media

For up-to-date information about the surgery and local services and events that can support you with your health and wellbeing, please visit our Facebook page

#### Facebook:

[facebook.com/Hucclecotesurgery](https://facebook.com/Hucclecotesurgery)