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# Artificial Intelligence (AI) and parish and town councils

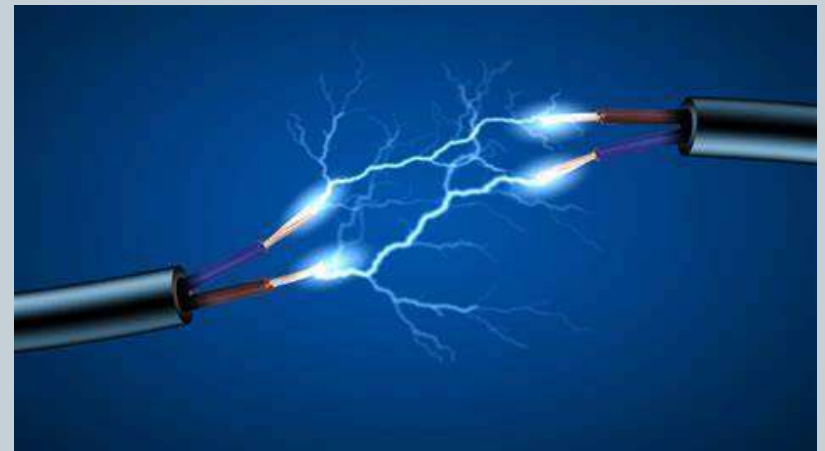
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# The Dawn of AI



- It's actually nothing new
  - 1947 – Alan Turing proposed “a machine that can learn from experience”
  - 1951 – First “learning” program
  - 1955 – Term “AI” coined by John McCarthy
  - 1964 – First Chatbot invented
  - 1997 – DeepBlue - World Chess Grandmaster
  - 2008 – “Hey Siri!”
  - 2020 – ChatGPT3
  - 2023 – ChatGPT4/Bard/Bing/Dall-E ++++++

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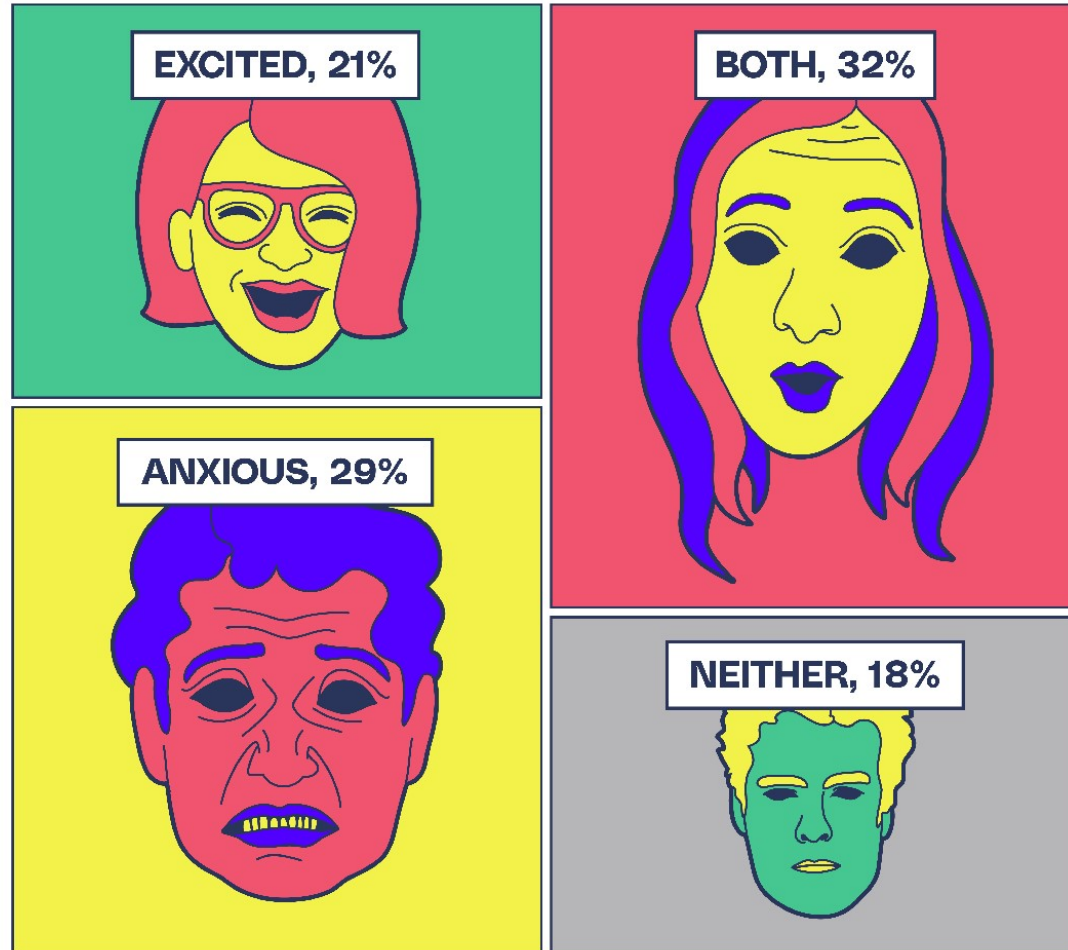
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## The Impact of AI on Society



# Risks of AI



- Social upheaval
- Job displacement
- Misinformation/disinformation
- Power to the people
- Influence on elections
- Widening inequalities

# AI and Parish & Town Councils



- AI won't replace clerks. Clerks using AI will replace clerks.
- Councils not using AI now are missing opportunities.
- Councils of all sizes can benefit.
- Councils of all sizes will be impacted.

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- What practical things are available, now?
  - Text generation
  - Image generation
  - Social media generation
  - Meeting tools – minutes, transcripts, summaries
  - Community engagement
  - Microsoft Co-pilot (full roll-out Nov '23)
  - Hello Lamp Post



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- Hello Lamp Post - [www.hlp.city](http://www.hlp.city)
- A digital community conversation project in Swanley
- Supported by Swanley Town Council & Sevenoaks District Council
- Start a conversation with an everyday object such as a fence, lamp post or public building
- Collect feedback in real time
- Automate services
- Improve public satisfaction
- 24/7 community engagement

**HELLO**

**LAMP POST**

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No such word as  
can't

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- Think of something tonight!



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<https://bard.google.com>

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- **Proposal:** That Northants CALC convenes an AI Task Group to meet monthly online:
  - Consider the risks to parish and town councils
  - Identify the opportunities
  - Identify and disseminate good practice
  - Work with the unitary councils on AI
  - Feed into any similar national initiatives (NALC, LGA)

**Any Offers / Any Experts?**

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