

H & Environmental Services  
Contact: Resource Team

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Dear Parish Clerk

### **Cleaner Communities – New Pilot Schemes**

I'm writing to let you know about two new environmental initiatives we're working on that could benefit your area. As you know, the Council provides a street sweeping and litter clearance service across the whole of South Cambridgeshire. I'm aware many parishes supplement our work with services of their own, addressing local priority issues not always covered by us. I very much appreciate these efforts from parishes.

To assist you further, and following a number of requests from parishes and community groups, I've been working with officers from our Shared Waste Service to see what additional support we can provide to you. With that in mind, we have developed two pilot schemes which we are hoping to trial with a limited number of volunteer parishes during a six-month period, starting in the New Year.

The first pilot is aimed at supporting community-led 'Spring Clean Ups'. The second provides street sweeping kit, including a ride-in sweeper, for community volunteers to use. These pilots would be run at no cost to parishes, apart from the enthusiasm of the volunteers. If successful I would look at extending the schemes across the whole district.

I have attached a short note giving further details of both pilots. At this stage, I'm looking for expressions of interest from parishes who may like to volunteer to be part of one or both pilots. If you are interested in taking part, or require any further information, please reply to this email by 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018, attaching a completed copy of the enclosed 'Expression of Interest' form.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Regards



**Cllr Mark Howell**

Portfolio Holder for Health & Environmental Services

## South Cambridgeshire Street Sweeping Tools & Community Events

South Cambridgeshire District Council is developing several community led initiatives to promote and support community litter picks, street sweeping, re-use and recycling throughout the district, which will supplement the Council's own programmes.

### Street Sweeping Tools - Pilot Scheme

This pilot scheme will provide the following additional tools to communities to support the valuable work of volunteers who help keep their communities clean and clear of litter.

The pilot will run from early in the New Year until June 2018, culminating in a review.

Communities can book out either a small ride-in street sweeper for sweeping sections of road and wide tarmacked paths, such as cycle paths, or a self-propelled leaf and litter vacuum for clearing debris and rubbish in areas such as car parks, retail areas, playing fields and parks.

Tools can be booked out for up to two days by communities who have volunteered to take part in the pilot, to be used by volunteers who have undertaken the required driving licence checks, health and safety and operations training.



The Council's Shared Waste Service will deliver the tools along with a skip for waste storage to an agreed safe and secure location and return to collect both after use.

Communities will be asked to undertake simple mapping and record keeping and to provide feedback on the use of the vehicle which will inform the evaluation of the pilot scheme.

*Above: Ride-in sweeper for sweeping sections of road and wide tarmacked paths e.g. cycle paths*

*Left: Self-propelled leaf & litter vacuum for clearing debris and rubbish in areas such as car parks, retail areas, playing fields and parks.*



### Community 'Spring Big Clean' Events

The council is also offering various levels of support to communities who wish to run their own Spring Clean Up event in the New Year, including:

### **Community Litter Picks**

Organised and managed by Parish Councils with the Council providing litter pickers, gloves, bags and collection and disposal of the collected litter.

### **Supported Community Litter Picks**

as above with the addition of:

- Provision of some operational staff to work with the community volunteers to encourage separation of recyclables by providing clear sacks
- A stall to give out food caddies and reuse / recycling advice.

### **Supported Community Litter Picks with Environmental Action Day**

As above with the addition of

- Additional communication support in advance of the day.
- A 'take it or leave it' stall to swap preloved items
- Skips for reuse or recycling various bulky materials like electrical items, metal and wood.
- Additional deployment of the sweeper to cleanse hot spots within the community.



**South Cambridgeshire District Council**

**Cleaner Communities Pilot Schemes**

**Expression of Interest**

**Parish Council:**

**Community Scheme Lead (rep on Parish Council)**

**Name:**

**Role:**

**Email:**

**Telephone:**

We would be interested in taking part in the following Pilot Scheme elements:

Pilot Scheme 1 – Community ‘Spring Clean-Up’:

***(please tick against each element parish is interested in taking part in)***

- Promotional support for pre-planned parish event
- Community Litter Pick(s)
- Environmental Action Day(s)

Pilot Scheme 2 – Street Sweeping:

***(please tick against each element parish is interested in taking part in)***

- Ride-In sweeper
- Leaf & litter vacuum sweeper

Current supplementary activities carried out by parish council/community groups e.g. weekly additional litter picks etc. Please give details (who, what, when)

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