

My District Councillor's summary from May 2018 to May 2019:

It's been a year I am performing my District Councillor role for Cambourne. As per my role, I acted as a bridge between the community and the council. I responded to residents' queries and investigate their concerns (caseworks) and signposting them to the right people at the council, and I keep them informed council's decisions that affect them. I did the caseworks on **housing, social-housing, community transport, high-street development, planning, grant, Fit to Learn funding, Children's Centre** for the residents of Cambourne.

I have undertaken several day-time workshops, training and development to perform in the role of councillor.

I am in the **Health Wellbeing Strategy committee** to promote the interests of the community to improve and sustain the social, economic and environmental well-being of the district.

I represented the ward on outside bodies like East-West Railways, GCP, Countryside etc.

Community leadership, tackling Loneliness:

Community leadership is at the heart of modern local government where Councillors work with local communities and organisations – including the public, voluntary, community and private sectors.

South Cambs ranked last year as 322 out of 326 English district level local authority areas for multiple deprivation, **isolation is one issue** where we have a major problem. Statistics from Age UK state that half a million older people nationally go at least 5 days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone.

I tried to engage the communities through various community activities and festivals to create a better environment to live in and help in eliminate loneliness and isolation. The overwhelming participation of cross and diverse communities demonstrates the integration of diverse community living in Cambourne.

It is worth having a look at the toolkit on the SCDC website where District Council has adopted the Experimental Cookery Club as their toolkit for tackling loneliness.

I am also a host-volunteer for the regular tea parties in Cambourne for older people organised by Cambourne Timebank and Contact the Elderly group.
<https://www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk/>

The activities I planned and run **From May 2018 to May 2019**

1. Science Festival - 2018
2. Art Festival and pop-up Art Gallery
3. Cookery club's fundraising dinner for baby Kendal who was battling cancer
4. Kerala flood fundraising
5. Sushi Workshop
6. Festival of World languages
7. Diwali International
8. CERC workshop on Artificial intelligence, innovation designing
9. Festival of Colour
10. Pancake Festival – Maslenica
11. Cambourne Mela
12. Science Festival – 2019

And

Chinese New Year as Co-organizer,
Christmas Market as the part of Cambourne Town Council

The Experimental Cookery Club, which was adopted by District Council for tackling loneliness, International seminars & dinners, 60+ Digital Inclusion and Electronics & Robotics club (CERC) runs throughout the year weekly/fortnightly/monthly.

Youth Training and wellbeing:

I hosted the fourth annual Cambourne Science Festival took place on 11th May at Hub where over seventy budding scientists aged 5 to 16 years took initiatives to engage with the public by demonstrating and answering the questions. The mission of the Science Festival is to provide students with a gateway to cultivate their inquisitive nature, exercise innovation, think critically and collaborate to become tomorrow's innovators who are self-sufficient learners.

More than 200 children have registered with Cambourne Robotics Club. Children are persistently being mentored for computational learning and are encouraged to participate in merit-based competitiveness & challenges which will benefit them in long run for their future. I would like to preserve the wealth of talents in this country. This initiative is aligned with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals in imparting quality support for education.

Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) team made Cambourne proud by winning two first places and overall judged 2nd among 28 teams among 11 countries in the PiWars 2019 held at the Computer Laboratory of the University of Cambridge. CERC was the regional champion in Cambridgeshire competing among twenty schools in the County.

The 7 principles of public life

I perceived and enjoyed the seven Principles of Public life while work within community in my District Councillor's role, each of these principles helped me to know the people's need and act on them.

In order to understand and represent local views and priorities, I tried to build strong relationships and encourage local people to make their views known to me and the District council.