



CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A meeting of Cambourne Parish was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 7th May 2019 commencing at 19:30pm.

Present:

Cllr J O'Dwyer (Chairman)	Cllr D Jones
Cllr A Ahmed	Cllr K McIntyre
Cllr A Akter	Cllr J Patel
Cllr S Bhattacharya	Cllr R Poulton
Cllr A Fisher	Cllr D Sharma
Cllr P Gavigan	Cllr J Simpson
Cllr P Hedges	Cllr G Thompson
Cllr T Hudson	

In attendance: John Vickery, Parish Clerk
Ellie Lydon, Office Administrator
Kirsty Empson, Office Assistant

6 residents were in attendance for the meeting.

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor Joe O'Dwyer

As the Chairman of Cambourne Town Council I would like to welcome and thank you for taking the time to attend your Annual Town Meeting this evening!

As many of you are aware, Town and Parish Councils are required to hold meetings at this time of the year for the registered electors in their area, as part of their accountability to the local population. The Town Chairman is required to present a report to this meeting.

The regulations surrounding Annual Town meetings are such that, whilst anyone can attend, participation is limited to registered electors of the Town. So, please state your name and address if you have a question. Obviously, I am willing to exercise some prerogative and common sense.

If a single issue affects a large number I will ask that the same questions are not raised more than once to ensure all present get a fair chance to raise different issues.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st May 2018 APM/M14 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

This is Cambourne Town Council's opportunity to inform you, the residents, about our work over the past year and to thank those people who have

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supported us. It has been another busy year for the Town Council which has continued to receive a lot of support from the Community.

I was re-elected as Chairman of the then Parish Council in May of 2018.

On the 3rd May 2018 the whole Council was up for election and the following Councillors were re-elected:

Cllr S Bhattacharya
Cllr P Gavigan
Cllr P Hedges
Cllr T Hudson
Cllr S Krintas
Cllr K McIntyre
Cllr P Mills
Cllr J O'Dwyer
Cllr J Patel
Cllr Mrs R Poulton
Cllr G Thompson

The following Cllrs were elected for the first time:

Cllr A Ahmed
Cllr N Akhter
Cllr D Beck
Cllr A Fisher
Cllr D Jones
Cllr A Rana
Cllr D Sharma
Cllr E Spanner

Since the election Cllr Beck and Cllr Mills left the Council and have been replaced by Cllr Maklin and Cllr Simpson.

The new councillors have contributed to the team and aided the Town Council in the performance of its duties and I thank them and all the Cllrs for their time, skills, experience and knowledge that they bring and give freely for the betterment of Cambourne. In case you may not be aware, Cllrs are unpaid and volunteer their time and services freely.

The Parish Council took the decision to become a Town Council in March 2019 acknowledging how Cambourne has grown since its inception and also taking into account other factors.

As part of our Council's Mission Statement we aim to promote an accessible, inclusive and sustainable community. We recognise the benefits of diversity and how it enriches our community.

We aim to reduce our Carbon Footprint as evidenced by the pv panels on community building, alternative heat sources in some of our buildings, greater

use of electric vehicles, low energy lighting and other means.

The Town Council has continued to take the initiative and be creative in an effort to ensure the residents of Cambourne get the best service possible. There are numerous examples of this and I'd like to take the opportunity to highlight just a few.

1. The Town Council has completed many of the actions in the adopted Parish/Town Action plan and is working to complete the remaining actions.
2. The Community Development Officer is working to achieve some of the Town Plan actions as well as new community initiatives and will also help to integrate the residents that will move into West Cambourne.
3. Community Action Day
4. Summer Fete.
5. The Town Council continues to negotiate the transfer of 'The Old Blue School' premises to our ownership.
6. The TC's community volunteer workers continue to grow in strength. We have 60+ volunteers who provide a much needed range of services within the community from litter-picking, 'graffiti' cleaning to organising 'Fireworks' displays and much more.

The common goal of us all is to make Cambourne a great place to live.

Cambourne is the First Town in the district of 103 Parishes. There are 4328 houses occupied as of April 2019, 150 of which were occupied over the last year.

The population of Cambourne currently sits at around 11,945 people, and of the 950 extra houses built in Upper Cambourne, around 39 are left to be occupied. Unsurprisingly, a growing and evolving community generates its own issues. I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about a handful of them.

Traffic:

As Cambourne grows, so too does the demands on its roads and parking infrastructure. Parking is a Perennial issue common to all Town/Parish Councils and every built up area.

Pedestrian Crossings:

The Town Council looked at 8 pedestrian crossings sites of which only 3 initially met the safety criteria for the provision of a pedestrian crossing established by the County Council.

The Council is working on the provision of at least 4 permanent zebra crossings. One is already in place near Monkfield Primary School, the second will be at Swansley Lane/School Lane, the third at Eastgate/Lancaster Gate junction and the fourth at Monkfield Lane/Priory Walk junction.

The Town Council applied to the County Council and managed to get a second £10,000 grant towards the crossings program. Each crossing costs approx' £28,000 and has to meet strict criteria before the County Council will give permission for installation.

20mph Speed limit in Cambourne

The Town Council is working with the County Council on a 20mph speed limit in Cambourne and will be carrying out a speed count at various locations to assist with the work required to identify the extent of potential traffic calming required.

Major developments:

The Town Council remains committed to seeing the implementation of a traditional High St in Cambourne The Town Council is working with the District Council and Developers to achieve this.

Please attend your Town Council meetings to stay abreast of proposed developments.

Staff:

Finally, a yearly report would not be complete without paying tribute to the hardworking Town Council staff. The work the Town Council staff do is often unnoticed, sometimes subject to criticism, but always for the benefit of Cambourne's community.

The staff, under the direction of the Town Clerk, John Vickery, who is also the Responsible Financial Officer, have worked as an effective team to ensure the decisions of the Council are put into effect. Cambourne would not be the community it is today without their dedication and commitment.

A mention is due to the head groundsperson – Warren Bourne – who, leading his team, provides award winning sports pitches and enhances Cambourne's green spaces for all our enjoyment.

To keep up to date on what's happening, visit our website – <http://www.cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk/>
and Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/cambournetowncouncil/>

3 Finance and Policy Committee

This meeting is also chaired by the Town Chairman.
The membership is:

Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Town Council
Chairmen of the Planning and L&A Committee
and 3 further councillors to making a total of 7 members.
Matters of finance and policy are discussed and the budget is closely monitored.
Motions are taken to full council for discussion and voting on. the Committee
also advises the Council on setting the budget and precept each year.
The Town Clerk will outline the financial side of the committees work in the
financial report.

The Town Chairman hand over to the Committee Chairmen to give a report on
their Committees.

Finance and Policy Committee

This meeting is also chaired by the Parish Chairman.

This looks after the following –

- Estimates and budgets of expenditure
- Audit matters
- Staff
- Grants
- Lettings & Charges
- Land matters
- Office & Council Accommodation
- Payment of Invoices
- Council Policy

The membership is:

Chairman and Vice Chairman of CTC

Chairmen of the Planning and L&A Committee

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LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman – Cllr Greg Thompson

Leisure & Amenities Committee Report 2018-19

Allotments

The allotments at Brace Dein and Crow Hill continue to be well used. There are currently no vacant plots at Crow Hill and 6 full plots and 2 half plots vacant at Brace Dein. Allotment inspections are carried out on a monthly basis in order to ensure that plots are well maintained. Anyone interested in one of the vacant plots should contact the Town Council Office.

Burial Ground

There have been no further burials.

Cambourne Youth Building

The Town Council is working with The District Council to try and bring forward the provision of the permanent Youth Building. We are also working with the Cambourne Youth Partnership on a business plan for the Youth Building.

Cambourne Youth Partnership

The Town Council continued to support the CYP with a £20,000 grant allocation, enabling CYP to continue to offer a range of activities to young people and children in Cambourne. The Town Council also passes on £10,000 in Community Youth Worker funding from the s106 monies for the 950 additional dwellings in Upper Cambourne.

Playgrounds

The playgrounds continue to be well used by all residents. The cross scales in the Great Cambourne Play Area have been completed. The accessible roundabout has had some issues since its installation but has been inspected by the manufacturer and new parts are being produced and will be installed once fabricated. Once this has been carried out the roundabout will be commissioned by the manufacturer to ensure it is working safely. There has been an issue with damage to the floor in the tower at Great Cambourne Play area this has been made safe so it can be used over the Easter break and the floor will be refurbished shortly.

• RoSPA Inspection

The annual RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) inspection was carried out by PlaySafety Limited on 11th May 2018. The reports were received and copied to the ground staff and Councillors. The ground staff have reviewed the report and carried out the necessary repairs, starting with the most urgent, although very few were required. This years RoSPA inspection has been carried out.

• Graffiti

Various graffiti has been removed or painted over in playgrounds. Ground staff now actively monitor all playgrounds for graffiti and will remove any instances as a priority activity. Graffiti in playgrounds or elsewhere in Cambourne can be reported to the Town Council office.

• Footpaths

Upper Cambourne bund pathway was due to be opened in Spring 2018 but was delayed due to contractual issues. The footpath has been informally opened and will be formally opened once the contractor has finished all the works. This will complete the perimeter path around Cambourne.

• **Car Parks**

Materials were purchased to repair the car parks at Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion, Great Cambourne Green and Upper Cambourne.

Premises

New blinds were installed in The Hub Main Hall, Sports Pavilion and New Cricket Pavilion, which have been well received by hirers.

All our buildings continue to be regularly used by Cambourne residents and Community Groups and all venues were recently restocked with new crockery to replace lost items, with new cleaning equipment provided for hirers to use during their bookings.

Darwin Manor have kindly donated four tables to The Hub, which the Community Development Officer proposes to use in conjunction with events like the Food Fairs and Community Action Day.

Trailer Park

The Trailer Park is currently on a CaSSOA Silver Award and plot holders have agreed to an increase in their annual fee to cover the cost of upgrading the site to Gold Awards Status. There are currently four full plots available.

Skate Park

The Community Development Officer and Town Clerk have met with skate park users to invite ideas and feedback on options for replacing the removed damaged section. The CDO and Clerk are now working on a proposal to send to suppliers/installers to get estimates so that the extent of grant funding can be identified and applications submitted. The submission will be made working with the skate park users.

Bus Shelters

The Town Council is working to install a shelter on Broad Street, but this is on hold while the new bus routes for West Cambourne and Cambridge to Cambourne rapid transport link are being finalised.

Pop-Up Food Agreement

A pop-up food business agreement was created to enable local food businesses to offer outdoor pop-up food events at designated locations in Cambourne (both Cricket Pavilions and the Hub car park). This agreement has been utilized by 400 Degrees Pizza, Kerief Catering, Ziki Souvlaki and C&J's Catering Box.

Community Action

A Community Action Day was arranged for May 19th, 2018. It was organised with South Cambridgeshire District Council to provide skips for residents to dispose of large household items. Residents could also sign up to become a

volunteer litter picker and new volunteers participated in collecting litter from around the three villages. There was also a give and take stall where residents could leave items that they would have otherwise thrown away or donated and then take anything they found there that they liked. All left over items were then donated.

This year's Community Action Day will be held on May 18, again in association with the District Council. This year we are planning to include a clothes swap and we are working with a group in Cambridge to source some clothes rails, in addition to give and take, litter picking, graffiti clearance and skips.

Fun Fair

Larry Gray's popular fun fair was held in July 2018 and was well attended. The fun fair will return 10-13 July 2019.

Wildlife Trust

The Wildlife Trust are putting on a new community event this year 'CamBourne To Be Wild' a two day music festival, which will be held at the Business Park on the 6th-7th July 2019.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman - Cllr Patrick Gavigan

Planning Committee Report 2019

The Planning Committee has had another busy year even considering the continued economic climate; we have considered a total of 84 applications, several which were considered on more than one occasion.

- 35 Householders covering extensions, conservatories, garage conversions, loft conversions, orangeries and others.
- 13 Commercial applications were received, including Coffee Shop, Valeting Service, Secondary School extension from 7 form entry to 9 form entry and bus link between Sterling Way and The Broad Way.
- 18 Discharge of Conditions were received.
- The Committee has also received a total of 1 Non-material amendments, and 5 applications for Lawful Development Certificates, 9 applications for Variation of Conditions, 1 Tree Preservation Order application and 2 for Prior Notification.
- 25 Decision Notices were received.

The Planning Committee also looked in to various enforcement issues.

West Cambourne:

The planning consent for the development of West of Cambourne granted in

2017 along with the completed s106 agreement. The Council has continued to work closely with the developers and planners on the **Design Guide** that will set the framework for the development as work continues and the Reserved Matter applications for the first phase of 969 dwellings.

Bourn Airfield:

The Council has been working with the District Council on the Supplementary Planning Document and has considered the outline planning application. The Planning Committee continues to maintain a good working relationship with both the Planning department at South Cambs District Council and with the Developers. We have now received this application and we will be considering it in the near future.

4. THE FINANCIAL SITUATION 2018 to 2019

John Vickery, Cambourne Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

To start with it is necessary to explain that the Town Council has no money of its own, only that which it receives from the taxpayers of Cambourne, hiring of facilities, agency work and s106 monies.

The Town Council gets no grant from central government or from the South Cambs District Council (SCDC). The Town Council's money comes purely from the RESIDENTS of Cambourne, not even from the businesses, which pay a nationally determined Uniform Business Rate of which the Parish Council does not get a share.

The Town Council raised a precept of £490,000.00 to cover the cost of running the Council and the facilities in Cambourne we also allowed for an income of £275,750.00. We actually had an income of £375,640.00 in addition to the precept.

The Town Council spent £989,308.00 on Cambourne; this included, planned replacement of Maintenance equipment, Zip Line (TW took 4 years to request the payment), re-paying the loan to equip the Sports and Leisure Centre, running and maintaining The Hub, pavilions, MUGA and open spaces and play areas to retain them as valuable assets for the community. The Town Council continues to contribute to the repairs and renewals fund.

The Town Council also provided grant funding for the following:

£500 Cambourne Library Summer Reading Challenge, £100 Cambourne Community Car Scheme, £300 Cambridgeshire Hearing Help, £50 CamCare UK, £5,000 Cambourne Police Cadets and £821.32 Cambourne Shine Course 2018.

The Council also supported the Fete, Cambourne Fireworks, Light Up Cambourne, Cambourne 10k and fun run and £20,000 for Cambourne Youth Partnership.

The Town Council passed on the s106 monies of approx £10,000 for youth development work to Cambourne Youth Partnership.

The Council last year for the thirteenth time we would have obtained an unqualified Audit, but the annual return was approved a day late. Otherwise financially all the actions the Town Council had done throughout the last financial year were within the Law and Powers that Govern Town and Parish Councils.

In January the Town Council set its precept for the financial year 2019-2020 After a difficult consideration of the budget, needed to maintain the quality of service provided with the increasing assets. The Council also took into account the need for repairing the Skate Park £25,000 and providing a Zebra Crossing £24,000. These two alone equated to £12.78

Cambourne Town Council agreed to raise the Council Tax Average band D property rate by 3.0% to £134.07 for next year an £3.90 increase.

This year the Town Council Precept is £541,120.00.

Finally, Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have to confirm that all the Council's accounts will again be subject to scrutiny by the Government appointed external auditors, and that all the Council's activities will be subject to the mandatory Internal Audit process.

5. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY REPORTS: to receive reports from community groups in Cambourne.

Reports have been received from:

- Cambourne Bowls Club

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- Cambourne Community Car Scheme
- Cambourne Community Website
- Cambourne Cricket Club
- Cambourne Crier
- Cambourne Fireworks Committee
- Cambourne Tennis Club
- Cambourne United
- Cambourne Village College
- Cambourne Youth Partnership
- CamCare
- Light Up Cambourne
- Painting Class and Big Squiggle
- Timebank
- U3A
- Wildlife Trust

These are displayed on the wall at the back of the room. Please take the time to look at them after the meeting to see the breadth and depth of Cambourne's community activities. They will be appended to the minutes.

6. QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Councillor Joe O'Dwyer opened the meeting for the residents to ask questions, the following was asked

Q. Is there an update on the Open Air Cinema?

A. We have met with a few providers and we are waiting to receive more information from them regarding pricing and discuss whether it is financially feasible.

Q. Cambourne needs more amenities (A High Street including a permanent Post Office) to give it an identity. What plans are there to give the Town Council the identity you seek to give it?

A. Cambourne already has an identity that we will build on to include a 'Heart of Cambourne' as reflected in the 'Parish Plan Survey'. The Town Council has no control over the commercial amenities that go in to Cambourne. The High Street was due to have shops built on it, however the road is not wide enough and will cost £1-2 million to correct. It was also discovered that Morrisons Car Park cannot hold the weight of delivery lorries and transfer vehicles so there would not be a viable route for them. District Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya has spoken to the Project Manager of The High Street Development and he said he should be able to give her a timeline by October 2019.

Q. Is there an update on the development on the corner across from The Monkfield Arms?

A. Site work was previously carried out to check the grounds sustainability for construction. McCarthy Stone needed planning consent to purchase the land prior to starting works, however this was only granted last month. They are hoping to begin building later this year, 3 shop units are planned to be put in.

Q. Are you aware that Bourn Airfield is a hibernation site for toads?

A. There is an ecological statement of the airfield site which would provide more information, it is also suggested to email The Town Clerk.

Q. Is there an update on the new hotel and pub being built?

A. The hotel is progressing and the pubs construction is planned to begin in June 2019. Work has had to be halted due to drainage issues and will require the closure of De La War Way for excavation to connect to the drain in the road. Both the pub and hotel are planned to be opened in Spring 2020.

7. CONCLUSION:
Councillor Joe O'Dwyer

I would like to thank all of you for coming out tonight to attend the Town Meeting I hope you have found it informative.

Meeting Closed 20:20



Cambourne Bowls



Report for 2019

The most important development for the Bowls Club is that we entered a team in the Men's Division of the Cambridge Business House League (CBHL) for 2018. This was a new venture for us and we were not sure what to expect. The league fixtures proceeded without any problems and we didn't finish bottom of the league! Now we have some experience we hope to do better this year. Because we try and give as many members as possible a chance to play in the league this does mean that we do not always put out our strongest side.

There has been an increase in interest in playing bowls for the current season so we are moving in the right direction. We have increased our exposure on social media such as Cambourne Information, Facebook and the Cambourne Crier and this is definitely helping.

Our eventual aim is to enter at least one other local league but this would require a team of twelve players. Sadly our current membership cannot support this on a regular basis but we are hopeful of an increase in membership as our population continues to expand.

We wish to place on record our thanks to the Parish Council and to the groundstaff for maintaining the green and facilities which as good as any we visit for our league fixtures.

Robin Bailey

Bowls Secretary May 2019

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CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

	2016-2017		2017-2018		2018-2019	
	TRIPS	MILEAGE	TRIPS	MILEAGE	TRIPS	MILEAGE
MILEAGE						
Q2	49	969	43	674	44	1280
Q3	40	778	34	610	46	1161
Q4	68	1405	65	1476	51	1274
Q1	79	1584	104	2375	56	1476

Breakdown of Trips

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Doctors Surgery	36	38	13
Addenbrookes	87	61	69
Hinchingbrooke	12	24	35
Papworth	5	5	4
Other Hospitals	5	15	16
Dentists	10	4	17
Opticians	1	2	1
Care Homes	0	52	37
Day Centres	0	21	
Social	78	24	5

SUMMARY

The scheme continues to thrive & the number of people using the scheme each year has increased from under 20 to over 80 in a 4 year period. Unfortunately the number of volunteer drivers in the same period has shown a decrease & we have been forced to transfer some calls to the neighbouring Hardwick scheme this year. This has resulted in a higher cost to the transportee.

With assistance of the Parish Council we have now been able to use a new software system giving a faster & more accurate response benefitting both client & coordinator.

We have recently recruited one extra driver but constantly are looking to increase our driver base as the time for each trip has risen with hospital delays. **Anyone interested should e mail the scheme on cambournecarscheme@gmail.com .**

E CAWKILL-Joint coordinator

CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY WEBSITE

www.cambourne.info

Background

The Cambourne Parish Plan was published in June 2017. Residents in their responses on 'communication' mentioned there was a lack of information about local groups, general information and what was happening in Cambourne. They suggested more use of internet sources. At this time a group of residents were investigating whether enough people were interested in embarking on a project to reintroduce the community information website (*Cambourne.info*) to Cambourne. The website originally created in the early days of Cambourne, by one of the first residents namely, Roger Hume had been 'archived' when Roger passed away in June 2015.

After a series of informal meetings, in July 2017, those interested recognised the need to give structure to the workings of the project and agreed to establish a committee with its own terms of reference. The website was officially launched in September 2017 at the Cambourne Community Fete.

The premise of *Cambourne.info* is still to provide local information and endeavour to create a sense of community for Cambourne residents – this is Roger Hume's legacy.

Our Aim?

The website team aim to:

- provide local information to the residents of Cambourne
- Provide a "one stop shop" where residents find information they need to participate in community life
- answer the "How do I?"; "Where do I?"; and "How can I?" type questions as relevant to the locality and the community
- publicise local events
- provide 'news' considered relevant to the community
- provide a directory and list local Cambourne based businesses.

Where are we now?

Since the launch the website team have met regularly to develop the website content and over time endeavour to achieve the set aims and objectives.

During this time the website layout and format has been reviewed, maintained and updated in order to keep functionality in line with current user expectations across the various application platforms.

Currently, the website contains 400 pages of information which is updated and maintained by the website team and its 'content contributors'. The topics and extent covered by the website can be seen in Attachment 1 to the report.

In November 2018, the "Events in Cambourne" calendar application became fully functional. An "Add Event" button enables events to be submitted by a third party 'event organiser(s)'. Since calendar launch over 180 events have been entered by the website team (and others) and displayed on the website.

Events now showing through to October 2019.

Are we reaching our audience?

Since website launch traffic has steadily increased to around 2,500 users with new users adding to this every month. Over the past year the website has recorded around 30,000 sessions with each 'user' accessing at least 3 pages. Total page views around 82,000.

Next steps...

We are a self-funded 'not for profit' organisation.

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Thanks go to the continued support of our: (i) volunteer 'content contributors'; and (ii) Website Manager together with his company, *SCube Digital Media* and its staff.

The website is a labour of love and will continue to evolve as the information in Cambourne changes...

Cambourne Community Website Team

Email: hello@cambourne.info



2018/19 HIGHLIGHTS

Cambourne Cricket Club is accredited under the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) ClubMark, recognising high standards of organisation and welfare. In 2018, we successfully renewed our Clubmark accreditation. We are a diverse and inclusive club, welcoming players and participants of all abilities, prioritising junior development and high quality community club cricket at all levels.

We are grateful to the Council for providing excellent quality playing surfaces, as recognised by the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association in 2018 as the best-kept Senior League grounds (for teams without a full-time professional groundsman).

Juniors:

In 2018 we fielded five successful junior teams in local leagues; in 2019 we have decided to focus on U10 and U13 levels, as well as developing junior players to play open-age cricket. In the 2019 season we expect to have 8-10 players under 16 moving into the open-age league sides.

Cambourne was also one of the founding clubs of a new local Sunday friendly league, aiming to support the transition of young players into open-age cricket by fielding teams containing several promising youngsters alongside more experienced members of the club in a low-pressure atmosphere to build confidence and get used to playing longer-format games.

For the first time in 2018, the club participated in the ECB's national All Stars programme – a set of 8 sessions for 5-8 year olds designed to teach cricketing skills but also social skills like teamwork. Our sessions included over 20 children from Cambourne and surrounding villages, and were rated 5* by the participants, and were so popular that we extended them beyond the 8 weeks of the national programme. We will be offering the programme again in 2019, and have been asked by Cambs Cricket to host training for volunteers who will be running courses elsewhere.

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We run junior outdoor coaching sessions on Fridays from April to September – where we now cater for children from school year 2 upwards. In 2018 we partnered with First Choice Coaching to provide high quality professional coaching in these sessions, supplemented by coaching support workers from within the club.



Seniors:

For the first time, the club entered the Cambridge Business House League and cup in 2018, in part to provide cricketing opportunities for players who cannot commit to Saturday games. The team put in a solid league performance, and managed to win the cup, beating several strong teams including a heavy-hitting Madingley Mulch side in the final.

The 1st XI consolidated their league position in Cambridgeshire Cricket Association's Senior division one, having been promoted in each of the four previous seasons. The 2nd XI moved up to CCA Junior division 2 in 2018, and put in a good show to hold that position. The 3rd XI had a challenging league season, but performed very well in friendlies. They will play in CCA Junior division 4 in 2019.

As a club we take the transition of junior players into open-age cricket very seriously, encouraging our juniors to take prominent roles in all three adult teams, and supporting them to grow and mature as cricketers and sportsmen (or women).

In 2018, we had U18 players putting in match-winning performances in all three senior sides. We expect to build on this in 2019, with players as young as 14 joining the teams, and several U18 players progressing to the 1st XI.



1. *Cambourne CC's midweek side beat Madingley Mulch to win the Pye Cup*

2. *Volunteer groundsman Danny White accepting the CCA best kept grounds trophy*

www.pitchero.com/clubs/cambournecricketclub www.facebook.com/CambourneCC

Cambourne Crier: 2018-2019

Cambourne Crier is the only free, not-for-profit, independent magazine in Cambourne, produced entirely by volunteers and any profits made from advertising are channelled back into the community through the Cambourne Crier Community Fund.

Over the past year, the Cambourne Crier editorial team has continued to work hard on the look and feel of the magazine and doing our best to include all submissions we receive. We are proud to produce a professional standard magazine for all Cambourne residents and we'd like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to produce Cambourne Crier each month, the delivery team for distributing it so diligently and our publishing partner Pendrill Publications, for their continued support.

The Cambourne Crier Community Fund has made several grants over the last year – totalling more than £600 - to local groups including Sundial Theatre Company, Brownies, Cambourne Church and My Yoga Space. Any local non-profit club or group is welcome to apply for funding - an application form can be downloaded from www.cambournecrier.org

Our delivery team continues to work fantastically hard to ensure that every occupied house in Cambourne receives a copy of Cambourne Crier on publication weekend - whatever the weather! If anyone does not receive a copy we would urge them to contact us with their full address on delivery@cambournecrier.org so we can make sure they do in future.

We have recently seen an increase in printing costs and have been working with our publishing partner Pendrill Publications to ensure Cambourne Crier remains financially viable.

This month, Tim Nash is standing down as lead editor after four years in the role. He'd like to thank the Town Council and staff - in particular John Vickery and Jess Lydon - for their support in this time and wishes the Crier team much continued success.

With Tim's and other team departures over the last year we do find ourselves short staffed at present and would love to have more people on the team, so if you, or someone you know, would like to get involved - whether in editing, writing, designing or helping with our website or social media - please get in touch on editorial@cambournecrier.org . Relevant experience is a bonus but all you really need is enthusiasm and a few hours to spare each month.

Any local club, group or non-profit organisation is welcome to submit a report to Cambourne Crier by emailing it to editorial@cambournecrier.org . We encourage everyone to send photographs to accompany their articles.

Our forthcoming submissions deadlines are available on our website, www.cambournecrier.org and anyone who would like a monthly email reminder can sign up at www.cambournecrier.org/signup

You can also view and download past issues of Cambourne Crier from our website at any time.



CAMBOURNE FIREWORKS!

CAMBOURNE FIREWORKS Committee would like to thank all the volunteers, Scouts, Guides, army, air and police cadets that helped make this year's event such a big success.

Thanks to the community for your donations, all of which go towards next year's display - which will be our 10th anniversary so we are planning something even more special. We can't do this without your generous help, so if you couldn't make a donation on the night then please consider making a bank transfer to our account so we can make next year's display even bigger and better.

Massive thanks to AG Motors for sponsoring us for a second year. We would also like to thank the Parish Council and ground staff for all their help.

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All photos by Peter Laborne. Please see the Cambourne Fireworks Facebook page for more.

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Cambourne Tennis Club

Cambourne tennis club ended their year in March with approximately 280 members which is a record high for the club. For 2019/20 we are striving for 300 members which we hope to achieve by attracting more families to the club.

We are also very pleased to announce that in March our club coach of only 2 years, Toby Jackson, won Cambridgeshire Coach of the Year at the British Tennis Awards. A fantastic achievement recognising the great work Toby has done to build up the coaching at the club and attract many more youngsters into tennis.

The club was hoping to begin work on a club house during the first quarter of 2019 but due to complications outside of our control this has now unfortunately been delayed.



Cambourne United FC

Annual Report to Cambourne Parish Council

Season 2018/19

Cambourne United FC was set up in June 2017 to give dedicated focus to girls' and women's football, carrying on the work over the last couple of years to set up female football in Cambourne. We were awarded **FA Charter Standard Development Club accreditation**. We have had an excellent second season (2018/19) in which the club and its members have continued to increase exponentially throughout the year.

This season, we decided to open up the club to **boys' and men's teams** as we continue to try and work with the other clubs in Cambourne to create one united club in our town, as it is our strong belief that one dedicated club would better serve the needs of our children and adults alike. **#onecambourne**. We welcome anyone to join us who believe the same.

In total, we have over **230 boys, girls, men and women** playing football with Cambourne United, up from 110 last season.

We can fully expect further growth in the next 12 months, with at least **two new boys' teams** and **one new girls' team** coming through the younger age groups.

In early 2019, the FA chose the club to administer one of its **Wildcats Girls' Football Clubs** in Cambridgeshire for the third year running since the scheme's inception. Wildcats is an initiative from the FA to inspire girls aged between 5 - 11 years old to be involved in the sport and to provide girls with regular opportunities to play football in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls.

Our partnership with the FA stretched further as the club has now been named an **FA Just Play centre** for both **men's** and **women's football**.

This season, the club comprises **13 teams/groups** playing regularly (up from 8 last season).

The teams this season have included:

- the **Girls' Academy** for 4 - 7 year olds continued strongly this season. As such, we fully expect a new team to come through into the League next season.



• GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB •

- Our **Boys' Soccer School**, now in its tenth year in Cambourne in various incarnations, have produced **two new teams for next season**, and a probable third. Our desire to provide the best possible start in football for both girls and boys is demonstrated by our commitment to our coaches. 6 coaches train our youngest members allowing us to split the coaching into U4s (for boys aged 3 and over), U5s and U6s.



CUFC Soccer School/U6 Rockets

- Additionally, we welcomed **4 additional new boys' teams** into the club, two at U7s and two at U8s, who joined the Cams Mini Soccer League.



CUFC U7 Pumas

Our **Women's Team** trains every week on the CVC 3G, has played in several tournaments and plays in the monthly FA Flexi League. We are planning to enter a women's team into the League for next season.



CUFC Women's team

- **6 girls teams entered leagues** this season (up 1 from five last season)
- Our U16s side was promoted to the top division at the end of last season and are well place to remain in the A League.

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CUFC U16s team

- Our U14s team lie mid-table in the A League.



CUFC U14s team

- Our U12s are third in a strong league, with just a couple of well-established sides above them.

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CUFC U12s team

- Our U10s continue to be very popular and perform well week in, week out, in their second season. The two newcomers, the U11s and U9s teams have played beyond all expectations well in their first season.



CUFC U9s team



CUFC U10s team

We continue to help the FA in bringing courses to Cambourne with logistical and administrative support. Our coaching staff has increased to support the increased uptake and we have had more new coaches go through the requisite FA coaching certificates. The club continues to support any coaches who wish to improve their coaching skills, both paying for courses and through participation in the FA's Mentoring Scheme.

We would like to thank the Parish Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, a host of local businesses and sponsors, and the wider community for their continued support, as we look forward to next season.



CUFC U8 Wolves team

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Cambourne Village College May 2019

Continual growth means the College now has 1045 pupils on roll – a very far cry from 2013 when we opened with 132 pupils in Year 7.

Our first set of public examination results in the summer of 2018 were very pleasing, with above average progress rates against national standards, and the vast majority of pupils gaining the grades they needed to progress to their desired Post 16 courses. The College is continuing to develop the curriculum we offer, to ensure that all pupils from our very varied catchment are able to access courses that are appropriate and engaging for them.

We face a number of challenges, one of them being the continual growth of the pupil roll, and in particular, the high number of pupils joining mid-year as the town continues to grow. We have various measures in place to manage this situation, most notably keeping class sizes as low as possible at the start of each academic year, but with the current financial crisis facing schools, this is becoming increasingly difficult.

The national funding crisis in education is well publicised; it is particularly acute in Cambridgeshire. Cambourne Village College, however, is hit doubly hard by the practice of 'lagged funding'. This involves a Government formula that calculates the yearly funding for a school based on the number of pupils who were on roll in the February of the previous year. Since the number of pupils entering our College in the lower year groups at present is much higher than those leaving in Year 11, this means a significant funding gap; this year we have been funded for 940 pupils, while having more than 1040 on roll. The Local Authority makes some contribution through a 'Growth Fund', but with per-pupil funding at more than £4000 per head, this failure to fund the school for the actual number of pupils we have, has a huge impact on our ability to deliver the education we know the pupils deserve, and our staff work incredibly hard to try to maintain standards in a very difficult climate. Your support in contacting our MP to appeal against this unfair formula would be very much appreciated.

So far we have managed to continue to recruit very high quality teaching and support staff to support the growth in pupil numbers. Our status as an Ofsted 'Outstanding'-rated school is helpful in this regard, as is our work as a Teaching School and partnership with the Faculty of Education at the University of Cambridge, but recruitment in certain subjects is particularly difficult in the face of a national

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recruitment crisis, and we are by no means confident of being fully staffed this September.

Continual growth in pupil numbers means the College is engaged in its second round of expansion since opening, although current building work to open a further wing to the College in September has been delayed due to the presence of great crested newts on site. The new facilities are now expected to be handed over for the start of the January term, 2020. In the meantime, four temporary mobile classrooms will be erected on the eastern side of the College, between the delivery yard and the music block, to accommodate the increase in pupil numbers expected in September. This will ensure no disruption to learning while we await the completion of the new buildings.

This new wing at the northern extremity of the College will provide additional facilities including 2 further science laboratories, art, photography and DT workshops, a Business Studies suite, general classrooms, and additional dining facilities. The wing is designed as the first stage of a future Sixth Form Centre, with further extensions of library, lecture facilities and further teaching areas to be added at a later date, when the Sixth Form Development is confirmed with the Local Authority. The wing will be occupied by the 11-16 school until this time.

In a further development, the Office of the Regional School Commissioner has granted permission for the construction of a 900-pupil expansion of Cambourne Village College, adjacent to the existing buildings, to be ready after September 2024. This is to ensure there will be sufficient capacity for all secondary-aged Cambourne pupils to attend a local high-quality school as the settlement continues to expand, and also to serve the needs of the proposed new community of Cambourne West. The decision follows a consultation with members of the local community and a public meeting held by The Cam Academy Trust, which oversees, among others, Cambourne and Comberton Village Colleges and Jeavons Wood Primary School.

The College continues to embrace its commitment to the local community. We are open every day until 10pm and on both days at weekends, with more than 30 clubs and organisations making use of the full range of the school's facilities out-of-hours, and an active Adult Education programme well supported.

Our Village College ethos was a significant factor in the College winning a Silver Award in the Pearson 'School of the Year' Award last summer, in the 'Making a Difference' category. This was a highly unusual award for such a young school, and we are grateful to the many community groups who endorsed our nomination. Last week CamVC also won Cambridge United's *Sport in the Community* School of the Year Award, 2019. This is a very well-deserved recognition of the work our PE Department do with other schools and organisations around the district. With our

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music department running the Cambourne Music School for pupils in Years 3-6 in our catchment schools, and the widest possible range of clubs, events and activities for pupils continually reported on our FaceBook page and Twitter feed, we continue to work hard to give our pupils the best possible education, and to make Cambourne proud of its secondary school.

Claire Coates, Principal
May 2019

Cambourne Youth Partnership Report (May 2019)

Board of Trustees:

Nigel Taylor (Chair); Neil Perry (Vice-Chair); Jey Patel (Treasurer); Neil Thompson; Len Thornton; John Panrucker; Jane Brooks

CYP are grateful for the financial support of the **Cambourne Parish Council** in providing an **annual grant of £20,000** for the financial year 2018-19, supplemented by the income of over £10,000, spread over two years 2018-20, due from the Section 106 revenue grant for youth work in Cambourne. In addition, our partner organisation Romsey Mill have contributed significantly through a Youth Investment Fund grant they received for youth work in the wider Cambridge area, enabling us to develop and expand our range of activities through our **current team of youth workers (detailed below) and a number of volunteers.**

Jonathan Buwert: Lead Youth Development Worker (employed through Romsey Mill) 2.5 days per week

Justin Lewis: Youth Support Worker (employed through Romsey Mill) 3.0 days per week

Emma Slater: Youth Support Worker (employed through Romsey Mill) 1.5 days per week

Cilla Mills: Part-time Cleaner

Pete McAdam, Paul Howard, Dannie Shipkova, Reece Read, Len Thornton, Rutendo Mapeta and Neil Thompson: Volunteer Team

Programme of activities:

Here is a summary of the regular CYP programme run by the CYP team, mainly at the **Soul Building in Back Lane**, and activities run by other associated groups.

Open Access Youth Clubs (Wednesday)

3.30 – 5.00pm (Years 7-8)

5.30 – 7.00pm (Years 8-10)

7.30 – 9.00pm (Years 10+)

Boxing Group (Hardwick)

Thursday

Music Studio Sessions

Thursday and Friday

Baking Group

Friday

Football Group

Friday

Detached Work (around Cambourne)Friday

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Trips and activities: Trips to Go Karting in Newmarket, Laser Quest in Letchworth and Escape Rooms in Knapwell. Activities Week in Cambourne in summer holidays 2018, including “Extreme Laser Tag”, “Open Mic Night”, “Film Night”, trip to the Junction for “Rapademic” music evening and food sessions (BBQ, pizza-making and baking). Wysing Arts Centre continues to organise arts projects as part of the Wednesday evening programme, as well as facilitating trips including to their Centre in Bourn and arts venues in Cambridge.

Young leaders attended a residential training course organised by Romsey Mill in October 2018, and further training is being undertaken by volunteers and young leaders through an evening course in 2019 leading to a Level 2 youth worker qualification. Several volunteers and young leaders have also completed a Level 2 Food Hygiene qualification.

Secondary School Support

Youth workers have been in discussion with staff at Cambourne Village College about the provision of an alternative education programme for students referred by staff at the College, and this work started in February 2019. Alternative Education work is also undertaken with young people who live in Cambourne but attend schools in other areas. We ran a “Shine” course at Cambourne Village College in the summer term 2018 aimed at helping girls to develop confidence and self-esteem.

Aspire Group (Wednesday evening)

The Aspire group is for children with Asperger Syndrome or other high functioning Autistic Spectrum Conditions and who are in mainstream school. The group is run in the Old Blue School Building in Cambourne by Romsey Mill’s Aspire Programme Youth Development worker, supported by volunteers.

Young Carers Group (Tuesday evening 6-8pm)

This group is run by Centre 33, a Cambridge-based charity, and meets fortnightly in the Cambourne Soul Building to provide support for young people of primary school age who carry out caring tasks on a regular basis, offering support or assistance to another family member who is disabled, physically or mentally, or has a substance misuse problem. Information about referrals for this group can be found on the Centre 33 website (www.centre33.org.uk).

Soul Building

Ongoing decorating and maintenance work has continued at the Soul Building during the year, with improved internet access for activities both in the building and in the Music Studio. We are making full use of the four computers acquired through a grant from the St Neots and District Royal Naval Association.

CYP are very grateful to the Parish Council for our partnership which enabled us to gain planning permission in summer 2018 for a new, permanent youth building in the future. Discussions are ongoing about the precise design & costings, as well as the timing of access to the promised Section 106 funding for this project.

- *Thank you for reading this report. There are opportunities for volunteers to help at the activities (subject to DBS check and references). Please contact administrator@cambournesoul.co.uk for more information about volunteering.*
- *We would also welcome one or two more trustees if you are interested in a more strategic support role.*
- *If you would like to discuss supporting Cambourne Youth Partnership in any way, please contact Nigel Taylor, Chair of Trustees at nigelrtaylor52@gmail.com.*

CamCare UK - Our Projects:

1.Tackling Loneliness with learning skills –

(i)Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club, (ii) Know your neighbours

The main mission is to make new friends, exploring new palates, having food together. Cookery club members acquire many friends in their own neighbourhood, and they get invited by the other members to attend dinners. With ongoing dinners, members know each other better and this helps to kill loneliness. Members always feel included by the other families. At the end of all dinner rotas, they organize a Fundraising dinner to do our bit for the society. Each year CECC selects a different cuisine. It is open to all, there is no fees involved, member hosts a dinner only once and attends several dinners at others.



Know your neighbours

CamCare UK members regularly organizes evening teas in their neighbourhood which brings the neighbours closer and helps them to stay close.

2. Diversity – Festival of world Languages, International Food Festival

Festival of world Languages, International Food Festival

The Languages and food from around the world in one room with a common goal of sharing and expanding people's knowledge. The residents exhibit the historical facts of their culture, heritage, traditional practices, famous people, places, flags along with their languages and food. Participants display their books, magazines, art items, dress, jewellery and made the handmade freebies for the visitors to take home. They also added colours with their regional music, dance and food. Cambourne is a great diverse place, the language festival provides a platform to contribute towards knowledge and information to showcase the diversity of different culture.



3. Inclusion & Equality – International Seminars and Food share

International Seminars and sharing food



The international club members are from different nations, they come with a dish of their country of origin and have a seminar along with the dinner. Every time they choose a popular topic, and everyone gives a small talk or shows video clipping or photos on it while sharing the food. Gaining knowledge and sharing food together of many countries and engaging the members in an open discussion after each presentation is the aim of this club.

The International dinner is a great way to leverage Cambourne diversity and meet new people in the neighbourhood, share food and discuss similarities and differences between the countries brings everyone close.

4. Skills – Cambourne Science Festival

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Cambourne Science Festival



CamCare UK believes a child's advancement depends on parents, teachers, state policies and also the recognition of child abilities. This is a unique event for the children of 4 to 16 years who got an opportunity to plan their own experiments and demonstrating themselves. It gives them enough confidence for the STEM subjects to peruse in their careers.

People from in and around Cambridgeshire looked at the projects, asked questions and interacted with the young scientists. Every participant received a participation certificate along with a prize to acknowledge their ingenuity and to encourage them to continue their passion for science.

5. Talent - Family Art Day

Family Art Day



Children and their parents draw from their imagination and create a temporary Pop-up Cambourne Art Gallery for age groups. Cambourne Art Day is a family friendly event where children got an opportunity to draw from their imagination in a given theme, parents also made their own piece of art for exhibition. It has given them good confidence for future art projects.

6. Education and Training –Electronics and Robotics club, Science Surgery



Electronics and Robotics club

CamCare UK is working to spark the creative imagination of children using hands-on technology. The mission of the club is to expose young children to challenges and new technologies in the field of electronics and thus to nurture and develop their skill set in this arena.

Children are trained by experienced space engineer, designer, educator and problems solver who is passionate about inspiring kids to become creators of technology. Children start with BBC micro:bit and eventually use Python.

Children are certified as they progress into higher levels with regular demonstration and presentation of projects to a larger audience. CamCare UK works toward the national CREST awards (www.crestawards.org) for the budding scientists of the Robotics club.



Science Surgery or Science Clinic

CamCare UK runs Science Surgery or Science Clinic with the help of the volunteer parents having Scientific backgrounds to encourage those children who needs help to express their ideas and to make a Science project for the Science Festival.

7. Workshops – International Cookery, Artificial Intelligence **Workshops on various areas of Science, Engineering, entrepreneurship,** **innovation, Artificial Intelligence:**



CamCare UK creates the opportunity for the children to come and see how the real-world technology works? It engages the children making different hands-on Engineering projects and try to build up the confidence among the children through running various STEM workshops. It also creates fun to learn the new things.

CamCare UK shares the expertise with the young local audience and empower villagers towards entrepreneurship and innovation. Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) members along with other interested kids from the surrounding villages learn about Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Design. How artificial intelligence works on the simple examples from the nature or how to improve the innovation processes are the workshops what CamCare UK offers.

International Cookery – Workshop on Sushi



CamCare UK regularly organizes Sushi and Indian cookery workshops involving the community.

8. Cultural and Festivals – Holi, Diwali, Pancake day, St. Patrick’s Day, Chinese New Years



This Festival of Lights, Diwali International

Diwali or "festival of lights" is celebrated on a nation-wide scale for five days in India and other south Asian countries enthusiastically enjoyed by people of all religions. On this auspicious day, people light up traditional-lights and candles all around their house to signify the triumph of good over evil. Cambourne is getting more and more multicultural and people from all over the world are making Cambourne their home, thus CamCare UK integrates people and increases the awareness of the world festivals. CamCare UK celebrates **Diwali, festival of lights** in a very traditional manner the way Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists do back home and they involve the international residents to take part.

This Festival of colour, Holi International



This Festival of colour, Holi International is for Inclusiveness, Integrity and Friendship. We need to value the diversity and understanding inter-community friendships. We make our home in Cambourne, Cambridge - and we must share our joyful moments and happiness with our neighbours and friends - the people from every Nations.

Pancake Festival

CamCare UK organizes Pancake Festival to acknowledge our neighbours and friends who made their home in Cambourne. Like Christmas, Diwali, Eid - it is a large festival for many countries, CamCare UK ensures that everyone should enjoy their festival where their new home is.

Chinese New Year's celebration

CamCare UK helps other communities to organize their traditional celebrations. It supported the Chinese Community to organize their first new year's celebrations in Cambourne.

St. Patrick's Day

Like Pancake Day and Chinese New Year's Celebrations, CamCare UK supports St. Patrick Day for the Irish Community.

9. Fete – Cambourne Mela / Baishakhi / All State New Years

Cambourne Mela



Cambourne Mela represents the traditions and cultures of South Asian communities. Around sixty languages are spoken in Cambourne, Mela celebrates the unity in the Diversity. Cambourne Mela holds the Stalls from various states of India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Srilanka. People of South Asia show the unity and bonding in this unique event.

Volunteering – CamCare UK Projects, CERC, Cookery club, Timebank



CamCare UK helps and supports the community into volunteering schemes. It is also the organizational partner of Timebank, thus any member who is member of both (CamCare UK and Timebank) gets the time credits and volunteering points. The secondary school students earn their volunteering credits helping in any of the CamCare projects for Duke of Edinburgh and such activities.

10. Digital Inclusion: Digital Surgery for 60+

Digital Surgery welcomes any 60+ resident to overcome the hurdles of the new generation technologies. Communication technologies have great potential in tackling loneliness. It improves the quality of life, every grandparent and parent should relate to their grandchildren, children, families and friends.

CamCare UK ensures that senior people can cope up with these technological changes and they should be helped to find out the ways to include them digitally to fit into our fast-changing society. CamCare UK's volunteers are delighted to help with the emails, word, basic excel, internet-searching, PowerPoint, Facebook, WhatsApp, video calls, Skype etc.

11. Public Seminars – CAM Talks



CamCare UK has created the platform to gather and pull the talents of the local community and the speakers are given a platform to express their views which are filmed and recorded and publicized among the greater community.

12. Community Cohesion – International food Channel in YouTube



CamCare UK is involved to create an International Food Channel on YouTube collecting the recipes from the people of several countries. It brings the community together, removes loneliness and makes new friends. It opens the door for the community and shares their recipes to try and learn together.

13. Fundraising



CamCare UK regular organizes the fundraising events to support the local issues and the international appeals for humanitarian's grounds.

14. Leadership

CamCare UK recognizes the potential members within community and trains them with leadership skills. It unfolds the qualities of the potential leaders and gives them the support to enhance their abilities in various activities.





2018 saw the dedicated Committee of Light Up Cambourne volunteers run a number of successful fundraising events culminating in the Switch On Event in November.

In March we held an indoor Table Top Sale. Whilst the sellers appreciated being indoors in the warm the turnout of buyers was disappointing, and it was agreed we would stick to the outdoor Car Boot Sale format.

From May through to September we organised a Car Boot Sales in the Hub car park. The sales raised funds through pitch fees from sellers and the sale of ever popular bacon rolls and cakes from the Hub kitchen.

In April and October, we held our popular Bingo Nights. The fun filled nights included 6 games of bingo with cash prizes, bar, Fish and Chip supper, a raffle, and a fun Heads or Tails Games.

In June we held our first Quiz Night. With pizzas supplied by Sam Corban of 400° Pizzeria and nachos and desserts made by the volunteers the night was a success and more similar events will be held in 2019.

In September the Cambourne Community Fete, organised by Cambourne Town Council, raised funds for Light Up Cambourne as well as other local community groups. We also had our own stall where we ran a Guess the Name of the Teddy a pick a square game to win free entry to Santa's Grotto at the Switch On event and we sold bric-a-brac and books. Despite the almost inevitable wet weather the event was a success.

During November the Town Council Grounds Team were given time to install the lights for us. Quite a number of the light strings had to be replaced as they had dulled over time. The display was not extended last year as the end of Broad Street had been reached in 2017 but we are looking at ways to extend for 2019.

At the end of November, we held our fifth Switch On event. The event followed the same format as before with Jez'O entertaining the crowds with his mixture of magic and mayhem and live band. Santa appeared in his improved and enlarged Grotto, into which two of our fantastic volunteers had put in many hours of time and effort. We served free mulled wine and mince pies to hundreds of people and a good time was had by all. The lights were turned on by two youngsters who had won our Christmas picture competition.

We are very grateful for the continued support of Cambourne Town Council, everyone that comes along to our events and all our sponsors and donators. We couldn't make it happen without your support.

Liz Pinchen
Treasurer, Light Up Cambourne



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Cambourne Children's Art Club

This group has been running since January 2019, meeting on Friday after school in the New Cricket Pavilion. There are four tutors who take turns to run the sessions, covering different aspects of art such as drawing, painting using a variety of media, cartoon characters and craft work.

The group is restricted to 12 or 13 children only from age 7 to 13 and the tutor is ably assisted by two willing helpers from Cambourne Village College as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award work.

We were given a start-up fund from Cambourne Arts just to set up a few essentials such as tablecloths, aprons, pencils etc.

The group meets for 10 sessions during term time and there is a waiting list!

Watercolour Classes

There are two watercolour classes taught by tutor Prue van der Hoorn, one on Monday evening meeting in either the Hub meeting room or the New Cricket Pavilion, and the other on Wednesday morning in the Sports Pavilion. There are only occasionally spaces for either classes, though new members are more likely to find a space on the Monday evening.

Prue generally provides the theme - which might range from Tower Bridge, birds, seasonal depictions, to a beach in New Zealand - and demonstrates the painting techniques to be covered, giving help and support wherever needed. The ability level varies within the groups, and we often have complete newcomers to the art. Both groups are friendly and welcoming and the idea is to have fun while learning.

The Big Squiggle Oct 6th 2018

Almost 350 people came along on a wet Saturday afternoon to enjoy the Big Squiggle. We hadn't anticipated these numbers, which were over three times those in 2017. However, with 18+ activities spread over three rooms, and refreshments, we hoped there was be plenty to do, and the last visitors seemed reluctant to leave at closing time! It did get very warm at times, and very busy, and certain bases ran out of equipment! However, as were only anticipating 100 visitors, maybe we can be excused this time.

We were also really grateful to the generous people who donated the yummy cakes and hot dogs, which also went down extremely well! So well, that we could have done with even more!

Big thanks of course to all the volunteers, over 20 willing people who put in the work beforehand - plotting, planning, collecting and preparing materials and advertising the event - and on the day: setting up and running activity bases, welcoming visitors, serving refreshments and taking photos; and after the event, helping to put everything away and leave the Blue School tidy. This year we were also very lucky to have the help of scouts and scout leaders from Cambourne 1st Scout Group.

Thanks also to CHS who generously gave us funds to supplement our equipment bank this year. The money from refreshments and donations will be shared between funding for next year and an art-based mental health charity.

And last, but not least, a big thank you to Cambourne Parish Council and staff for their continued support in providing the venue, furniture and crockery and enabling us to keep this a free-entry community event.

We were really delighted by the wonderful artistic creations that were inspired by the event: veg prints, pasta frames, leaf lanterns, paintings, clay leaf imprints, collages, henna designs, doodles, conker animals, painted pebbles, watercolour pencil sketches, decorated biscuits, conker & cork prints, rainsticks, chalk drawings and painted glass jars. See you again for more fun next year!

Fran & The Big Squiggle Team.



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Cambourne Timebank



Timebanking is a rewarding and enjoyable way of bringing people together in the community to share their skills. People of all ages and all abilities can join and exchange a whole range of skills. You get the help you need and in return offer help to others. Everyone's time is valued as equal, for every hour you spend helping someone in your community you are entitled to an hour of help in return. Some recent exchanges include painting and decorating, helping someone make a Powerpoint presentation for an interview, laying wood laminate flooring, cutting back hedges, sewing clothes, gardening, pet sitting, dog walking and cooking lessons. It's a great way to get to know new people, make friends and give and receive free help and support.

From January to December 2019 the Timebank is funded by the National Lottery to support local people to reduce loneliness and social isolation. We are focussing on befriending older people by matching them with a volunteer who will regularly visit them for a chat in their home. The older person doesn't need to do anything in return to receive the service. Volunteers are DBS checked. We are also setting up a tea party group to host tea parties in volunteers homes and invite older people as guests. The tea parties will take place once a month on a Sunday afternoon. Some of the local organisations in Cambourne are members including Cambourne Crier, CamCareUK and 19 the Coffee House, so people who volunteer there can sign up to the Timebank to earn Time Credits for their volunteer hours. Time Credits can be spent at participating leisure facilities such as Cambridge Light Cinema and Clip n Climb.

To join or for more information about our befriending scheme, contact:

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Cambourne and District U3A

This group was in the planning for over a year before it finally launched in July 2018. We were kindly supported by Cambourne Parish Council as it then was, to be able to hold meetings to discover the level of interest that might be expected if such a group were to go ahead. The U3A is for people who are either retired or semi-retired, are not in full-time work and who have no full-time child-care responsibilities.

Eventually, after many meetings, some of which were with local U3A advisers, in July last year there was a steering committee in place and a programme under way. Since then we have enjoyed a variety of speakers at our monthly morning coffee and talk meetings including talks on the Wildlife Trust in Cambourne: vanishing Cambridgeshire; succulents; Quakerism and a history of Heffers Bookshop in Cambridge.

We have also had study trips to: Madingley Hall; the Higgins Gallery in Bedford; the Houses of Parliament; Cambridge Botanic Gardens and Wyken Hall Gardens.

Cambourne and District U3A has its own website:

www.u3asites.org.uk/cambourne/welcome, and also sends out a monthly newsletter to the members.

At the time of writing we have over 130 members and a variety of interest groups including: walking; mah jong; bridge; jazz appreciation; book group; World War 2; Current Affairs; basic car maintenance; getting to know your laptop/Ipad; Twentieth Century Art History; Flower Arranging; French; Spanish (beginners and intermediate); Genealogy.

We hope we extend a friendly welcome to all.



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Report to Cambourne Town Council covering period Nov 2018 -end April 2019

Intro

The Wildlife Trust has recruited a member of staff to deliver community events across the three counties (Beds, Cambs and Northants) in areas where we are under-utilising a resource. Cambourne is a priority for this post as we have a nature reserve and our head office is alongside a growing population that we would like to engage in wildlife and environmental issues. Rebecca Neal started in November as a Communities and Wildlife Officer.

Scope of the work in Cambourne

Becca's aim is to run community events in Cambourne with a wide audience, focussing on family activities during school holidays, but also working with schools, youth groups, adults, and adult groups in the town. Some of these events have been supported by a local volunteer.

Date		Activity	Numbers (children + adults)
Feb half term	18/2/19	Family Nature Walk	2+1
	19/2/19	Family Nature Walk	0
	19/2/19	Amphibian talk	1+5
	16/3/19	Cambourne volunteer fair	3+20
Easter holidays	8/4/19	Natural Art for families	1+1
	8/4/19	Family Nature Walk	0
	9/4/19	Family Nature Walk	1+2
	9/4/19	Family Story Walk	0
	16/4/19	Natural Art for Families	7+5
	16/4/19	Family Nature Walk	1+1
	17/4/19	Family Story Walk	0

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	22/4/19	Birds for Beginners walk	0+2
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Toad patrol

Broadway is a stretch of road on the edge of Cambourne alongside the airfield, which leads to the village of Bourne. This is a location where toads cross the road to get to their breeding pond during their spring migration. They often get knocked down and killed. Becca has taken over coordinating volunteers to help the animals. This involves going out on warm wet evenings in March, picking up toads in buckets and placing them closer to their pond on the other side of the road. This year we went out on 14 separate occasions, worked with 10 volunteers, rescued nearly 300 toads and recorded nearly 40 dead toads.

Challenges

- When starting activities in a new area, it is always hard to promote them. Some events have not had any people attending, and those that have, have had small numbers
 - It has been hard to get schools interested in the opportunities we have available
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