

## **District Councillor Bhattacharya Report – November 2019**

### **Transport within Cambourne and outgoing**

Having used the public transport to Cambourne, I never understood why there wasn't a bus service to Upper Cambourne in the evening, and there's no service on Sundays either. This led me to survey the populous in Cambourne, and the results showed that many others shared the same concerns as myself. The next stage was to contact the correct person from Stagecoach and make them understand how people had resorted to getting off at the Broadway and walking into upper Cambourne at night, through the completely dark path over the motorway. Furthermore, residents oftentimes must walk over one and a half miles from the town centre to reach the corners of Gladiator road, which is a hassle especially in cold winter days.

As Cambourne's size increases, having a cheaper bus dedicated inside Cambourne is almost essential, and will help residents go shopping, go to school and get to the village college or the business park as well. A morning and evening service for the Science park, Addenbrookes and St. Neots will reduce congestion, and allow daily commuters a cheaper more environmentally friendly method of travel. Cllr Mark Howell helped me to meet the operational director of Stagecoach, we had a positive discussion and finally he came to see Cambourne on October 7<sup>th</sup>, we showed him around all three villages to places such as The Village College, Business Park, West Cambourne and Upper Cambourne. I requested the Director to join the community events in Cambourne and give the residents an opportunity to express their opinions. We will be meeting every six weeks to follow-up. Although the process is not fast, it's a good starting point to get the conversation started on this important matter for the residents of Cambourne.

### **Free litter picking kits**

Council's Waste Policy Team offered the **free litter picking kits for the communities** which have been funded as part of the Government's High Streets Community Clean Up programme. To meet the funding criteria, Waste Policy Team are offering the kits first to larger places with highstreets.

These kits include: litter pickers, bag hoops, Hi Viz vests and gloves. **20 kits** can be delivered to the parishes; it can be kept and stored and can be used when it is needed, that will avoid the need to request on an ad hoc basis.

Town Council needs to write to [Waste.Enquiries@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:Waste.Enquiries@scamb.gov.uk), with the subject line of **Litter pick kit – mentioning about Cambourne.**

Waste Policy Team needs the following information:

- number of kits town council requires
- delivery address of the Town Council

Please respond by **15 November 2019.**

## **Eastern Area Community Forum**

### Designated Funds

More information on how to apply for Highways England's Designated Funds scheme, including the requirements set to secure the funding, can be found on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/highways-england-designated-funds>

Acceptable projects must fall into one of five categories: environment; cycling, safety and integration (CSI); air quality; innovation; and growth and housing.

The funds, once given, need to be spent within the 12-month period which can limit the scope. For instance, people could apply to have a feasibility study / design done for a footpath in one year and once complete, could then apply to build the footpath in the second year.

Ideas should be submitted in November in order to be considered for Highways England's 2020 round of funding. Contact at: [info@a428.co.uk](mailto:info@a428.co.uk)

### **Proposal to create a public bridleway in the parish (Town) of Cambourne**

Asset Information Definitive Map department of Cambridgeshire County Council has proposed a public bridleway around the north of Upper Cambourne, the response should reach to Map department of Cambridgeshire County Council by 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

### **Cambourne Councillor short-listed for LGiU & CCLA Cllr Achievement Awards 2019**

My District Councillor's role has given me the opportunity to represent my ward at the national level and I am very happy to take the flag of Cambourne.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time I have been short-listed among 250 competitive Councillors for LGiU & CCLA Cllr Achievement Awards 2019 where Cambourne's name is proudly mentioned. I am happy to give all my after-office hours for running the Science Festivals, Electronics and Robotics Club to make the Cambourne children to "think like a scientist and an engineer" and to prepare them for presentations, mentoring them, presenting their work on TV, media and local press, conducting regular workshops, making them ready for national and international level competitions and giving children a platform for volunteering for their local community.

Kind Regards,

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