



**South
Cambridgeshire**
District Council

September 2020 parish e-bulletin

News and information from South Cambridgeshire District Council

Welcome to the latest e-bulletin. We hope you and your communities are well and weathering the storm during these uncertain times. Following what felt like a calmer summer when restriction eased, we now face another challenging period for us all in responding to the Coronavirus pandemic. We will be working with you and local Covid-19 community groups closely over the coming months. We hope the briefing last week was helpful as we continue to plan for the next phase.

This edition covers more than Coronavirus updates. There's information that parish councils may want to discuss, important notices we want you to be aware of, and news from around the district.

Coronavirus parish and community group briefing

Thank you to parishes who joined us last week for the update on the current Coronavirus situation nationally and locally. We will continue to update you with the latest information as it is available. Thank you again for all you are doing to support people in your communities. The recording of the briefing was sent to everyone after the meeting, but [it can be watched again](#). The passcode, which is case sensitive, is cRj7z4^.

Please note you need to include the full stop as part of the pass code. The ^ symbol is above the number 6 on standard keyboards.

Contact: duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk

NHS Covid-19 app

On 24 September, the NHS introduced the [NHS Covid-19 app](#). This app will assist traditional contact tracing to help notify users if they have come into contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus. The app allows people to report symptoms, order a coronavirus test,



“check-in” to venues by scanning a QR code and helps the NHS to trace individuals that have coronavirus.

For further information and resources to support users of the app, and those that visit your organisation, please [visit the NHS website](#).

Contact: env.health@scambs.gov.uk

NHS Test & Trace – contact details

Local authority run services including community centres, youth centres and village halls must collect details of visitors to assist with the NHS Test & Trace service. These records should be kept securely for 21 days. From 24 September, these types of facilities have also been required to display an official NHS QR code poster so that visitors can ‘check in’ using this option with the NHS App as an alternative to providing their contact details.

More information about maintaining records of staff, customers and visitors to support NHS Test & Trace [is available](#).

If you have a venue outside of the categories mentioned above that is visited by members of the public and has a space where people congregate, then the NHS encourage you to create a QR code poster for the entrance to that venue. Further information about which types of businesses should display the NHS QR code poster [is available](#).

Contact: env.health@scambs.gov.uk

South Cambs Hall closed to the public

The Cambourne offices of South Cambridgeshire District Council have closed to the public to help minimise the spread of Coronavirus.

This follows the Government's announcement on Tuesday 22 September when the Prime Minister said that everyone who can work from home, should do so. Most Council staff have been working effectively from home for several months now.

South Cambridgeshire Hall initially closed to the public back in March at the start of the Coronavirus pandemic. It re-opened, for pre-booked appointments only, on Tuesday 15 September. Between then and the end of last week, only around 30 residents visited the office as the vast majority of queries continue to be dealt with via the [Council's website](#), [My South Cambs portal](#), online platforms such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom or by phone.

As a result, to help minimise the spread of Coronavirus, the building closed to the public once again. The Council's website has been updated to reflect this change, with social media messaging also confirming the closure. Signs have also been placed in prominent positions at the front of South Cambs Hall.

Anyone wishing to [contact the Council](#) can still do so, such as by emailing scdc@scambs.gov.uk or calling 03450 450 500.

Fireworks: Consider their impact on vulnerable people and pets

The Office for Product Safety and Standards have partnered with the RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) to deliver the Fireworks campaign to help humans and animals to stay safe while celebrating on Bonfire Night. Obviously, the types of displays that can and should take place will entirely depend on the social distancing guidelines in late October / early November.

With that in mind, the RSPCA still has tips on [making fireworks less frightening to animals](#). There are also [several tips and materials](#) available on the Gov.UK website. Just navigate there and search for 'fireworks'.

These tips include:

- Stick to celebration dates
- Only buy from licensed sellers



- Let your neighbours know
- Keep children and pets safe
- Don't disturb wildlife, horses or farm animals
- Follow the instructions

Community Safety Partnership Micro Grants – available from Monday 5 October

The [South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership](#) (CSP) is funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to award Micro Grants.

These micro grants are grants of between £50 and £500 available to local voluntary and community sector groups, charities and parish councils wishing to improve community safety in their local area of South Cambridgeshire, in line with the CSP's objectives. The CSP has an action plan which, amongst other things, aims to:

- Make sure we know what makes our communities vulnerable
- Give communities the knowledge and skills to tackle concerns themselves

What must your project deliver?

The activity or project must:

- Seek to improve or contribute to community safety
- Develop the resilience of the community to crime / anti-social behaviour in some way
- Meet a local, evidenced need
- Leave a legacy for the community
- Ensure equality of access

You can find out [how to apply](#) now.

Contact: Linda Gallagher on Linda.Gallagher@scambs.gov.uk

Solar Together Cambridgeshire update

Registrations for the [Solar Together Cambridgeshire](#) group buying scheme for solar panels continue to rise. As of Thursday 24 September, around 1,000 households across the district



had registered their interest. This is an important programme as it promises to make a small but significant dent in the district's CO2 emissions.

Please do continue to share news about this scheme amongst your communities. This is an excellent way for people who have thought about having solar panels in the past, but never looked into it, to get started.

As a reminder, we are working with Cambridgeshire County Council to deliver the initiative, which is a group-buying scheme to help residents and businesses purchase high-quality and competitively priced solar panels and battery storage systems for solar panels. The battery element is particularly useful as it means the scheme may be of interest to those whose roofs already have solar panels. Residents have until 6 October to register their interest. They will then be provided with a personalised recommendation and the decision about whether to have the install completed is completely theirs – there is no obligation.

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Responses published to the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan 'First Conversation' consultation and Call for Sites

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service, on behalf of Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, has [published all the responses](#) submitted to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan 'First Conversation' consultation and Call for Sites, held earlier this year. You can [find out more and read the responses](#).

We have been holding several webinars to answer questions from Parish Councils, Residents Associations and the wider public on what this means for you. A video of the public webinar content can be viewed on the [Council's YouTube channels](#) - the website above also links to this. If you have any questions, please read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Contact: localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org

Deadline approaching to comment on the draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan

Thank you to Parish Councils for engaging and feeding back your responses to our [10-week consultation](#) on the draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan, on behalf of Cambridge City



Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The deadline for responses is 5pm, Monday 5 October 2020, so please do spread the word and encourage your local communities to submit responses by then, as we cannot receive submissions after that date.

We have been running a series of Zoom Q&A events on key consultation topics over the summer. Thank you to everyone who has engaged with us and taken part. These have been recorded and are available on the Councils' YouTube channels: [YouTube Cambridge City Council](#) and [YouTube South Cambridgeshire District Council](#).

Further information on our vision for an inclusive, walkable, low-carbon new city district with a lively mix of homes, workplaces, services and social spaces, fully integrated with surrounding neighbourhoods, and how to submit your response [can be found](#).

Contact: nec@greatercambridgeplanning.org

Additional green bins

[Residents can apply](#) for an additional green bin or just a permit if they already have a green bin without a permit on. The form will be live on the website from 1 October and residents can also call customer services to order. The price is the same as last year (for new subscribers) - £35 per bin per year, maximum of 3. Those residents that choose to re-subscribe this year will receive a reduced rate of £29 per bin as a result of the disruptions to green bin collections due to Coronavirus earlier in the year.

Contact: greenbinpermits@scambs.gov.uk

Campaign work

Our latest campaign, [Love Food Hate Waste](#), has a heavy steer on cutting down on food waste, both reduction and recycling. Four refuse trucks have been liveried with new food waste artwork. The messaging is to encourage residents to maintain their good habits, formed during lockdown, of not wasting as much food, using up ingredients, storing food correctly and shopping for food correctly. Campaign was launched with a (socially distant) photo shoot with one of the refuse trucks and the quantity of food waste thrown away each year per person.



Our blue bin contamination campaign continues to target repeat contaminators with specific messaging to reduce contamination and increase recycling rates.

Christmas tree recycling

Christmas tree recycling scheme will operate again this year from Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. More details to follow in Winter edition of South Cambs Magazine.

Contact: Waste.Enquiries@scambs.gov.uk

Revised collection dates during the Christmas period:

Usual day	Revised day
Thu 24 Dec Fri 25 Dec	Thu 24 Dec Tue 29 Dec
Mon 28 Dec Tue 29 Dec Wed 30 Dec Thu 31 Dec Fri 1 Jan	Wed 30 Dec Thu 31 Dec Sat 2 Jan Mon 4 Jan Tue 5 Jan
Mon 4 Jan Tue 5 Jan Wed 6 Jan Thu 7 Jan Fri 8 Jan	Wed 6 Jan Thu 7 Jan Fri 8 Jan Sat 9 Jan Mon 11 Jan
Mon 11 Jan Tue 12 Jan Wed 13 Jan Thu 14 Jan Fri 15 Jan	Tue 12 Jan Wed 13 Jan Thu 14 Jan Fri 15 Jan Sat 16 Jan
Mon 18 Jan	Back to normal



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Autumn 2020 edition of our Zero Carbon Communities e-newsletter

The autumn 2020 edition of our new but already popular [Zero Carbon Communities e-newsletter](#) is now available to read. It covers a variety of topics including the latest round of Zero Carbon Communities grants, Cambridge Sustainable Food's 'Food Waste Challenge', along with further updates on what we at the Council are doing to tackle climate change and information on a new, low carbon city district planned for North East Cambridge. If you would like to subscribe to the newsletter, please email zcc@scambs.gov.uk

How to report crime

The letter attached to this parish e-bulletin is from the local Police Sergeant for the South Cambridgeshire district. Please share it with your residents.

Contact: 101 or www.cambs.police.uk/report

South Cambs Magazine

The autumn 2020 edition of South Cambs Magazine has now been delivered to residents. Thank you to parishes who have provided helpful information when delivery issues have been identified in the past. Please continue to encourage residents to flag any issues to Smart Distribution as soon as possible, after the delivery window has closed.

Contact: scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk or 0800 6444 011

You can [view an online edition](#) of the latest edition of South Cambs Magazine too.