

Town Council Report : October 29 : Cllr Gavin Clayton, Labour Party

LGBTQ initiatives in South Cambs

A new Tourist Destination Management organisation is being set up in preparation for a return in visitor numbers in Summer 2021 (hopefully). Following debate on a motion I put forward to full council some time ago re adoption and membership of Safer Spaces scheme by SCDC and local businesses, SCDC are interested to pick up on membership of this scheme from the genesis of this new organisation to ensure that clear signals are sent to LGBTQ+ visitors (and residents) in South Cambs. I share the link for the scheme below : <http://encompassnetwork.org.uk/saferspaces> and will update Town Council as this progresses to see how businesses & locations in Cambourne can display their welcoming of as full and diverse a population as possible.

I will be meeting with Peter McDonald, Councillor for Duxford, Ickleton, Hinxton, Pampisford and Babraham and Lead Member for Business Recovery & Skills to discuss this matter and also to explore how Cambourne might be built into the Destination Management portfolio.

FoodBank, Xmas Hampers and Cambourne Community Kitchen

Volunteering at Cambourne FoodBank once again brings to the fore how hard some of our community are finding it to cope in these uncertain times. Several families and individuals came to collect food, toiletries and some advice and support from the team. There is a hamper scheme being planned and FoodBank will be able to provide in the region of 20 for families who are in particular need during the festive period. More info to follow in case Town Councillors have people who they think might need such a boost to their festive table.

Conversations with Church Administrator has led to a bit of progress on funding applications to get a starter budget for Cambourne Community Kitchen. I will update and circulate a draft to those involved to date and hopefully by New Year we might get something off the ground.

Black History Month concludes

SCDC have been running a [full programme of activities for colleagues](#) during October for Black History Month, including some excellent live events; TV, film and book recommendations; reports on historical figures; shopping suggestions and more. It's not too late to take a look at some of the resources if you haven't yet – we will be keeping them on the website after the end of the month.

I wonder if Cambourne Town Council Leisure and amenities Ctte might be interested in setting such a programme up for October 2021?

Winter Leaf Fall

I have again been written to about leaf fall on Jeavons Lane, but to be honest as I regularly walk my dog in that area I think Town Council team are doing a great job and will let the resident know that in the hope that he now agrees.