

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL  
District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

**9. Correspondence**

	From	Subject
9.1	Cambourne Resident	Formal Request for management of hedge
9.2	Gumbles Amusement	Request for Children's Event

**Sent:** 24 October 2021 10:49

**To:** John Vickery <[clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Formal Request for management of hedge

Hi John,

Further to my previous emails, I would like the conservation and management of hedges to be an item put forward to the Town Council for discussion. I believe that it is very important, with the push from national government for hedgerows to be increased, that the newly extended hedgerows in our Town are properly managed, and not left to grow out of control. With correct management, hedge-laying will help these to become super eco-systems, supporting many different forms of wildlife.

I understand that the Wildlife Trust is supposed to be managing the woods and hedges along the country park but they have done nothing to the hedgerow from the woods along the path from Eastgate to Lake Sirius, and it is tall, straggly with gaps. When we moved in to Whitley Road in 2013 we were told it would be a hedge but it has just been left. I have never seen any work being done to it at all.

When we spoke about it at the start of this year, you said that they were behind in their work and it wouldn't be done until autumn. When are they going to start please?

I also thought it would be really good for Cambourne if the skill of hedgelaying could be learnt by local people, led by Town Council grounds staff. They are doing a brilliant job of planting around the town, so training them to learn the traditional craft skill of hedge-laying would be an asset to the community.

I found this, which I thought would be a useful starting point for councillors:

<https://hedgelink.org.uk/>

**Sent:** 02 November 2021 14:07

**To:** [office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Subject:** childrens event

Good Afternoon,

I am emailing today in regards to holding a childrens event in Cambourne on a suitable green space inside or close by to the village.

We are a family run business that trade under Gumbles Amusements. We have been running these events for over 5 years, and have been in the amusement industry for over 50 years. We have a contract with Bedford council to do these events in Bedford's parks, as well as holding them across beds, herts, and bucks. They are a great value family orientated event, that everyone in Cambourne would love.

Families pay £9.99 per child for unlimited rides on our inflatables, childrens rides and attractions. They get unlimited rides for their session. We open at 12pm and close at 6pm. Sessions run from 12pm-3pm, and 3pm-6pm. We also have catering, toilets and games stalls on site. The events perimeter is surrounded with herras fencing to keep everyone inside the event safe, but to also stop people wandering in, and being able to regulate numbers inside the event (overcrowding/covid-19 distancing).

We do not have any loud music, as to not disturb local residents.

Our website is [www.gumblesamusements.co.uk](http://www.gumblesamusements.co.uk). There is loads more information about us there, as well as lots of videos and photos to showcase what we want to do.

We are only just starting to look at dates for our 2022 calendar so I have a wide range of flexibility, are there any dates I need to avoid? We sometimes hold these events over 2 weekends, staying closed during the week while the kids are at school. What is the rent cost per day? Any discount for days not trading?

Let me know your thoughts. We would love to bring an event to Cambourne!

Kind regards,