

Shrobona November 2021 District Report

Zoom Webinar

With the rates increasing and the winter and Christmas periods approaching, on Monday 8 November from 6-7pm Coronavirus virtual community briefing will be holding. The event is publicised to parish/town councils and Covid community groups.

At the briefing people will hear updates:

- From Jyoti Atri, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Director of Public Health, on rising transmissions and what that means for us all
- An update on the support for businesses
- A chance to hear from groups on how they plan to help their community this Christmas and share ideas
- New funding from Government for those in greatest need this winter
- How communities are now looking beyond the pandemic at community action.

The event will be a Zoom Webinar including lots of chances to ask questions.

The access can be used the zoom link below:

<https://scams-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/87152525009>

COVID vaccines offered to 12–15-year-olds at large scale vaccination centres across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust that is now open to book appointments for 12- to 15-year-olds at local large scale vaccination centres via the National Booking Services at www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine or by calling 119. The local large scale vaccination centres offering vaccinations for 12–15-year-olds on a booked appointment only basis are detailed in the below table. Children aged 12 to 15 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when they attend a vaccination centre.

The Vaccinators Tour Bus hits the road

The Vaccinators are continuing their tour around Cambridgeshire and Peterborough visiting a range of locations across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with their tour bus delivering vaccinations to people across the area. The bus has stopped at a range of locations including larger employment sites across the area.

<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/the-vaccinators-tour-bus-hits-the-road/>

Reminder that if you have COVID-19 symptoms, get tested.

Testing or swabbing is an important part of the COVID-19 plans. Testing is available to any member of the public (over the age of five) with symptoms by visiting nhs.uk/coronavirus. Tests must be booked in advance.

119 Testing Call Centre

By calling 119, members of the public who don't have online access, can book a COVID-19 swab test and ask any questions relating to having a test and getting results. This includes information about drive through test sites, mobile test units and home tests.

The call centre is open from 7am to 11pm and can be accessed by people with speech or language difficulties as well as by people whose first language isn't English.

Good ventilation in the workplace can help reduce the spread of COVID-19

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has updated guidance to help councils and businesses identify poor ventilation in work areas and take practical steps to improve it. It is a legal requirement for employers to ensure an adequate supply of fresh air (ventilation) in enclosed areas of the workplace and, alongside cleaning, hygiene and handwashing, good ventilation is one of the best ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19. HSE has also made available a series of new ventilation guidance videos setting out the key advice and examples of how businesses have improved ventilation to reduce COVID-19 transmission. With winter approaching, HSE has also revised the guidance on balancing ventilation and keeping warm.

Cambourne Community Food Project

HopeCIC (Community Interest Company) is an organisation, run by Mahesh Hettiarachchi, resident of Cambourne offered support to those in need. After successful ongoing projects in Leicestershire including a Community Café, male support services, befriending services and support accessing emergency food and other essential items, HopeCIC is now opening a new weekly foodbank in Cambourne Supported by SCDC and Cambourne Parish Council.

The foodbank will be open from 11am – 2pm every Wednesday at the Hub in Cambourne.

Any South Cambridgeshire resident is welcome to pick up food. Donations are optional, and further support and signposting will be available to help with things like a finance/bills check-up and onward referrals to other support agencies such as Citizens Advice or the South Cambridgeshire District Council Income Maximisation Officer. The scheme will run for a trial period of 4 months, so please encourage residents in the area to use the service if they are in need. Information about the support will be shared through social media and local networks so please help us by sharing locally too.

COVID Business support grants update

District Council paid out £1,377,000 that Government funded for the business growth to 102 South Cambridgeshire businesses since July this year, as part of Growth Fund. This is a fund supporting businesses who are looking to diversify, scale or start up in South Cambs. District Council paid out more £38 million that Government funded via local business support grants since the onset of COVID.

Fresh batch of grass roots green projects receive funding to help zero carbon drive

Thirteen exciting community projects in South Cambridgeshire aimed at reducing carbon emissions are to set to receive grant funding totalling £79,796 from the District Council.

The Zero Carbon Communities grants award by South Cambridgeshire District Council are part of its drive for the district to become net zero carbon by 2050.

The grants were established in May 2019. Since then, a total of more than £310,000 has been allocated to 51 different grass roots projects ranging from raising awareness and involving people in issues around carbon emissions, cycling, tree planting, energy efficient lighting, food production, distribution, and waste reduction.

The newly announced projects for the coming year focus on activities to reduce carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels, and promote behaviour change towards low carbon lifestyles covering areas such as cycling, community buildings and tree planting.

Parish Council Sport Facility Survey

Cambridge City Council and South Cambridge District Council are undertaking the development of a number of Sports Facilities Strategies, overseen by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service and external consultants, Strategic Leisure Ltd. The purpose of these strategies is to provide a detailed overview of all indoor and outdoor sports facilities, including the quantity, quality, availability, and accessibility of these to help inform assessment of need and future planning for provision. Parishes were asked to fill in this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CAMBSPARISHSURVEY> on behalf of their Parish/Town Council. The deadline for this survey is 15 November 2021.

Obviously, it is very important that each Parish completes the survey, if the Parishes would like to speak to somebody about this survey, please contact - George Sutcliffe, Strategic Leisure, at Georgesutcliffe@strategicleisure.co.uk

Community engagement forums

Colleagues in the Sustainable Communities team are responsible for running regular community engagement forums in the locations where major development is planned. There are currently six locations: **Bourn and Cambourne (NEW)**; Cambridge East; North East Cambridge; North West and West Cambridge (NEW); Northstowe; and Waterbeach. A few of these are scheduled over the next couple of months, and most take place online from 6pm.

Please feel free to click on the Facebook, Twitter and Instagram links alongside the relevant forum.

- **Bourn and Cambourne – 24 November**

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